

Franklin County Commissioners  
January 11, 2016  
Commissioners/Council Meeting Room 203

Commissioners – Tom Wilson, Eric Roberts – Tom Linkel – Absent  
Commissioners Secretary – Carol Westerman  
Auditor – Stephen Brack

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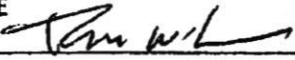
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## Carol Westerman

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**From:** Carol Westerman [commissioners@franklincounty.in.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 28, 2016 3:46 PM  
**To:** 'mebrackney@brackneyinc.com'  
**Subject:** Minutes  
**Attachments:** Commissioners Minutes.pdf

Thanks,

Carol Westerman  
Secretary, Franklin County Board of Commissioners  
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**From:** Tom Linkel [tom@linkelco.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 08, 2016 5:52 PM  
**To:** Carol Westerman  
**Cc:** Tom Wilson; Eric E Roberts; <auditor@franklincounty.in.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Agenda

It's been brought to my attention in my motion at last Monday's meeting when I moved to approve appointments one through 12, I did not go back and actually read the names of the appointments .

I cannot be there at the meeting for Monday but I would ask that the other two commissioners would go back and rectify that problem by announcing the names of each appointment, or I can do it at the next meeting.

You are welcome to read this announcement at the meeting and please apologize to the public for any inconvenience I have caused.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 8, 2016, at 3:25 PM, Carol Westerman <[commissioners@franklincounty.in.gov](mailto:commissioners@franklincounty.in.gov)> wrote:



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January 4, 2016  
Commissioners/Council Meeting Room 203

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Commissioners Secretary: Carol Westerman  
Auditor: Stephen Brack

Open: The meeting was called to order by President Tom Wilson and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes: A motion was made by Eric Roberts to approve the minutes of the previous meeting and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Linkel. Motion carried.

Franklin County Highway- Ted Cooley: it was reported that the State will solicit for road and bridge projects in March – 2016. Pavement Maintenance Project: Commissioner Roberts and Ted Cooley both suggested the county apply for a complete repaving project of one major road under the new State plan. An example was given about using St. Mary's Road for the project. The commissioners noted that they could probably afford \$250,000.00 as its 20% match for a project costing \$1.25 million. Mr. Cooley stated that St. Mary's Road should qualify for the federal funds as it has a traffic count of 1,200 cars per day. At this time no decision was made regarding what road or bridge would be priority.

Official Bond: A motion was made by Tom Wilson to approve the bond for Coroner – Wanda Lee and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Linkel. Motion carried.

Buckeye Power Sales: A motion was made by Eric Roberts to approve the annual maintenance agreement for the Sheriff's Department at a cost of \$930.00 and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Linkel.

Citizens Advisory Committee: A motion was made by Tom Linkel to reappoint Marty Mullin to the Southeastern Indiana Recycling district and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Roberts. Motion carried.

Franklin County Library Board: appointment was tabled for 2 weeks.

Redevelopment Commission: A motion was made by Tom Wilson to re-appoint Bill Schirmer and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Linkel. Motion carried. A motion was made by Tom Wilson to re-appoint Bill Schirmer to the Local and Regional Redevelopment and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Linkel. Motion carried.

PTABOA: appointment tabled for 2 weeks.

2016 Yearly Appointments:

*Should have requested what they were offset to.*  
A motion was made by Tom Linkel to leave appointments 1 – 14 as is and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Wilson. Motion carried.

SIEOC – A motion was made by Tom Linkel to reappoint Tom Cooney to another 1 year term and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Roberts. Motion carried.

*SIB CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE*  
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Unsafe Building Law Board: A motion was made by Eric Roberts to reappoint Dr. Michael Fain and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Linkel. Motion carried.

**2016 Commissioners Areas of Responsibilities:**

A motion was made by Tom Linkel and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Roberts as follows:

Commissioner Tom Linkel: Highway Dept. and Gravel Pit

Commissioner Tom Wilson: Transfer Station/Recycling Center, Small Animal Control, Senior Citizens and Public Transportation.

Commissioner Eric Roberts: Government Center, Courthouse/North Annex, Old Senior Center Annex/Court Street Annex, Security Center and E911/Communications.

Payroll: A motion was made by Tom Linkel to approve payroll as submitted and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Roberts. Motion carried.

Other discussion: No Holiday Pay for VSO, Handbook Committee, Courthouse Lawn of which no decisions were made. Lawrenceburg law suit-Tom Wilson advised it was under extension.

Adjourn: A motion was made by Tom Linkel and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Roberts. Motion carried.

Others in attendance: Mildred Simmermeyer, Betty Lecher, Becky Oglesby, Sara Duffy, John Estridge and Kurt Kaharn. The names are spelled correctly per the sign in sheet.

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1	President, Board of Commissioners	Commissioners	Tom Wilson	1 Year	1/4/2016	12/31/2016	
2	Vice President, Board of Commissioners	Commissioners	Tom Linkel	1 Year	1/4/2016	12/31/2016	
3	Franklin County Attorney	Commissioners	John Worth	1 Year	1/4/2016	12/31/2016	
6	Highway Engineer	Commissioners	Ted Cooley	1 Year	1/4/2016	12/31/2016	
7	Highway Foreman - District 1	Commissioners	Justin Ball	1 Year	1/4/2016	12/31/2016	
8	Highway Foreman - District 2	Commissioners	Brian DeFosset	1 Year	1/4/2016	12/31/2016	
9	Highway Foreman - District 3	Commissioners	Kent Ruf	1 Year	1/4/2016	12/31/2016	
10	Small Animal Controll	Commissioners	Steve Monroe	1 Year	1/4/2016	12/31/2016	
11	Transfer Station Custodian	Commissioners	Ray Halpin	1 Year	1/4/2016	12/31/2016	
12	Veterans Service Coordinator (Part Time)	Commissioners	Sam Wyatt	1 Year	1/4/2016	12/31/2016	
13	E-911 Coordinator		Ken Murphy	1 Year	1/4/2016	12/31/2016	
14	EMA Director (Part Time)	Commissioners	Ed Hollenbach	1 Year	1/4/2016	12/31/2016	
15	Region 9 Workforce Board	Commissioners	Eric Roberts	2 Year	1/6/2014	12/31/2016	
16	Park Board	Commissioners - 1	Robert Brack(replaced Ruth Geis)	4 year	11/13/2012	12/31/2016	
17		County Council - 2	Darren Brack	4 Year	1/3/2013	12/31/2017	
18			Brad Stacy	4 Year	1/3/2011	12/31/2011	
19		Judge - 2	Jerry Hesselbrock	4 Year	1/3/2011	12/31/2011	
20			Mendell Cummins	4 Year	1/3/2011	12/31/2011	
21		Extension Board - 1	Scott McDonough	4 Year	1/3/2011	12/31/2011	
22	Alcohol Beverage Board	Commissioners	Ronald Cooper	1 Year	12/28/2015	12/31/2016	
23	FC Cemetery Commission	Commissioners	Donald Dunaway	5 Year	11/24/2014	12/31/2019	
24		Commissioners	John Estridge	5 Year	1/7/2008	12/31/2017	
25		Commissioners	Jim Trumbull	5 Year	1/6/2014	12/31/2018	
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29		Commissioners	Janice Kuntz	2 Year	1/6/2014	12/31/2015	
		Commissioners	Claudine Rader	2 Year	1/6/2014	12/31/2015	
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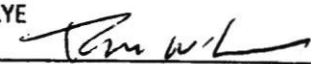
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Treasurer's Report & Clerk's Report; A motion was made by Tom Wilson to acknowledge receipt of both the Treasurer and Clerk reports and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Linkel. Motion carried.

Luke Kahren- Structure Point. A motion was made by Tom Linkel to approve the Service Agreement of Structure Point and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Roberts. Motion carried.

Franklin County Highway – Ted Cooley: presented update as; Bridge Inspections 2014-2017 – a motion was made by Eric Roberts to approve the Supplemental Agreement #1 and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Linkel. Motion carried. FHWA Sign Project – study and design recommended 172 post and 275 new or replaced signs. Project cost of \$90,743 with the county share being \$9,074. Franklin County Highway Installation cost of \$11,940.

2016 Covered Bridge Certification: A motion was made by Tom Wilson to approve and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Roberts. Motion carried. Mr. Cooley was asked to make a site inspection.

Library Board: A motion was made by Tom Wilson to appoint Nicholas Butt to replace Hubie Branstetter and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Linkel. Motion carried.

APC/BZA: A motion was made by Tom Linkel to appoint Bob Braun, to replace Haroline Ison who resigned, and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Wilson. Motion carried.

Handbook: Council President Becky Oglesby has written a letter to the lawyer regarding who has control of the handbook. As of this date not information was available; therefore Commissioner Tom Linkel said that his determination is the Commissioners have the control. The handbook committee can make recommendation to the Commissioners for approval.

Payroll: A motion was made by Tom Linkel to approve payroll and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Roberts. Motion carried.

Items of concern – Tom Linkel: start day for work week at the Highway Dept. in 2008 a change was made making the start of the work week on Saturday. However, this is not in the handbook.

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Rounding: An email had been sent out regarding rounding up to the nearest quarter hour. Mr. Linkel stated that both Hollie Maxie and Bev Singer refused to do this. After much discussion a motion was made by Tom Linkel that the commissioners approved Rounding to the nearest quarter hour and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Wilson. Motion carried. Carol Westerman is to send an email to all departments advising them of this change.

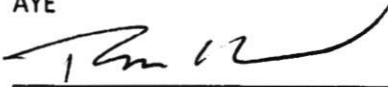
Overtime: Tom Linkel made a motion to change the wording in Section 3.18.1 and 3.18.2 that says: Overtime monetary reimbursement is based on actual hours worked, except that time off for paid holidays, sick days, vacation days and bereavement shall count as hours worked for purposes of calculating overtime compensation – **to eliminate sick days and vacations days**, effective this pay period and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Roberts. Motion carried.

Unsafe Building Ordinance – No decision at this time.

Adjourn: a motion was made by Tom Wilson to adjourn and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Linkel. Motion carried.

Others in attendance: Mark and Millie Simmermeyer, Betty Lecher, John Worth, Sara Duffy, John Estridge, Luke Kahren, Roy Hall. The names are spelled correctly per the sign in sheet.

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FEBRUARY 1, 2016  
COMMISSIONERS/COUNCIL MEETING ROOM 203

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Commissioners Secretary: Carol Westerman  
Auditor: Stephen Brack

Open: The meeting was called to order by President Tom Wilson and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Transportation – Cathy Pelsor: presented the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter report. A motion was made by Eric Roberts to accept and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Linkel. Motion carried.

MDI – Ramzi Nuseibeh: discussed the Document Management and was asked to prepare a new proposal for Court House.

Minutes: A motion was made by Tom Wilson to approve the minutes of the previous meeting and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Roberts. Motion carried.

Claims: A motion was made by Tom Linkel to approve claims and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Roberts.

Betty Lecher: gave a handout to the Commissioners regarding the employee handbook and expressing concerns that she has. No decisions were made on her comments.

President Wilson Closed the Commissioners meeting at 10:30AM and opened the Public Hearing for Reinstatement of Cumulative Bridge Rate.

A motion was made by Tom Wilson to adopt Ordinance 2016-01 to reinstate the prior rate at \$0.0454 on each \$100 of assessed valuation and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Linkel. Motion carried.

President Wilson closed the Public Hearing and Re-opened the Commissioners Meeting.

Franklin County Clerk – Karla Bauman: appeared before the Commissioners expressing her dissatisfaction on work that is being done in the Auditor's office over the past years, including: Payroll, W2's, and pay for Absentee Board, Election fund.

Commissioners Wilson and Linkel: both made comments regarding a news article that the Auditor put in the paper. Commissioner Wilson also commented that he had an email from Pinnacle with their remarks as well.

Franklin County Engineer – Ted Cooley: presented his update which included: Bridge #8 – deck replacement for Tee Hill Road, FHWA Sign project- ongoing reimbursement, Pavement Surface Evaluation and FHWA Quarterly Tracking meeting.

Payroll – A motion was made by Eric Roberts to approve payroll and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Linkel. Motion carried.



Commissioner Roberts asked the auditor to follow-up on a couple of questions: why was a Jail Employee paid for 80 hours when only worked 68 hours and Park Employee working 65 hour week and 8 hour paid holiday.


Ordinance 2016-04- A motion was made by Tom Linkel to approve Ordinance 2016-04 – Amending the Standard/Highway Personnel Policies Handbook and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Wilson. Motion carried.

PTABOA – Sharon Halcomb asked for recommendation to PTABOA and will come back to the Feb. 16 meeting with her information.

Adjourn: With no further business a motion was made by Eric Roberts to adjourn and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Wilson. Motion carried.

Others attending: Fred Layton, Sara Duffy, Karla Bauman, Mark and Millie Simmermeyer, Betty Lecher, Pam Beneker, Caty Pelsor, Sharon Halcomb, John Estridge, Veronica Voelker, Linda Vaughan, Tim George, Ramzi Nuseibeh, Marty Han and Ted Cooley. The names are spelled correctly per the sign in sheet.

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Franklin County Commissioners Meeting  
February 16, 2016  
Commissioners/Council Meeting Room 203

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Commissioners Secretary – Carol Westerman  
Auditor – Stephen Brack

Open: The meeting was called to order by President Tom Wilson and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes: A motion was made by Tom Linkel to approve minutes and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Roberts. Motion carried.

Claims: President Wilson read the claims that were to be approved at the meeting. A motion was made by Tom Linkel to approve claims and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Roberts. Motion carried. Commissioner Linkel requested that the claims information be made available to the public at the meeting as to not to have to read them.

VSO and Treasurer Report – a motion was made by Tom Wilson to acknowledge VSO and Treasurers report for Jan. 2016 and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Linkel. Motion carried.

Craig Maxwell – Metamora Historic District - has purchased property in Metamora and will be opening Maxwell Medical, Inc. and asked for permission to change signage. A motion was made by Tom Linkel to allow for the change and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Roberts. Motion carried.

Becky Oglesby – Fr. Co. Council President – presented comments on bridge inspection and stated that the bridges on Old US 52 and Tee Hill were not listed on the Bridge Inspection Report of bridges that needed replaced. She also asked the Commissioners to consider replacing the bridge inspector. In addition Ms. Oglesby talked about HB 1110 and that there is possibility that the county could receive a sum of money once the bill is passed. She suggested that it would be a good idea to have a plan in place for use of the funds providing the bill passes.

Bill Schirmer – EDC – appeared to express his concern for the SIRPC grant. He stated that his board has not met at this time but he would like to see the Commissioners, Township Trustees to get behind this project. The county would be required to come up with \$20,000 in matching funds to get the grant of \$300,000.00 to rehab homes for elderly and disabled. The County Council recently voted to take no action on this project. Commissioner Roberts stated that there may not be a lot of people who would fit the strict perimeters of the project.

Sharon Halcomb – Fr. Co. Assessor – PTABOA – recommended Diane Schuck and Janice Kuntz be appointed to the PTABOA Board. A motion was made by Tom Wilson to approve the appointments and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Linkel. Motion carried.

Ted Cooley – Fr. Co. Highway – presented his weekly update which includes: PASER – Mr. Cooley will prepare quotes and present at the next meeting; FHWA GRANT – presented letter for cancellation and requested signatures of the Commissioners – a motion was made by Tom Wilson to sign the letter and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Linkel. Motion carried; Bridge #8 – Deck Replacement Project – Tee Hill – this project is to

begin this week – pouring concrete, complete welding of bridge deck and installation of Guard Rails. Mr. Cooley also noted that the Cedar Grove Bridge would be demolished at 10:00AM on the 17<sup>th</sup> of February.

Internal Control Policy – Ordinance #2016-5 - This was tabled until the next meeting. However; the commissioners would appoint a board that would consist of: Auditor, Clerk, Treasurer, Sheriff and a commissioner.

Oler Fencing & Construction – Tabled

Kramig Insulation & Environmental Services – a motion was made by Eric Roberts to hire Kramig to clean bat debris from the Clock Tower and Front Porch at the Court House for \$7,267.00 and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Linkel. Motion carried.

Sheriff Bond – a motion was made by Tom Linkel to approve bond for Jail Matron – Susan Jones and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Roberts. Motion carried.

Payroll – a motion was made by Tom Linkel to approve payroll and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Roberts. Motion carried.

Other discussion – Commissioner Linkel stated his interest in acquiring a new Mowing Tractor for District 2. He is looking into the possible trade in value or possibility taking items to Whites Consignment Auction in April. Mr. Linkel read a written statement to Mark and Millie Simmermeyer and Betty Lecher regarding accusations directed to him in public meetings.

Adjourn – with no further business to be discussed a motion to adjourn was made by Tom Wilson and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Linkel. Motion carried.

Others in attendance - Tim George, Betty Lecher, Mark & Millie Simmermeyer, Joe Sizemore, Veronica Voelker, Sara Duffy, Sharon Halcomb, John & Jonathan Maxwell, Becky Oglesby, Bill Schirmer, Karla Bauman. The names are spelled correctly per the sign in sheet.

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Attest: Stephen Brack, Auditor

## **Franklin County Commissioners**

**February 29, 2016**

### **Commissioners/Council Meeting Room**

**Commissioners:** Tom Wilson, Tom Linkel, and Eric Roberts

**Commissioners Secretary:** Carol Westerman

**Chief Deputy Auditor:** Debbie Richardson

**Others Attending:** Betty Lecher, Mildred I Simmermeyer, Mark Simmermeyer, Tim George, Brent Roberts, Sara Duffy, James Sprague, Steve Meyer, Marty Hon E&H Bridge

**Open:** The Meeting was called to order by Tom Wilson and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mildred Simmermeyer presented her rebuttal to Tom Linkel. She corrected her figures which were incorrect with regard to the reprinting of the handbook. She presented a request in writing to the commissioners for an itemized listing of expenses for the stockpile bridge repair. Tom Linkel stated he had already presented Mildred with the listing and was she not satisfied with it. She stated she was not and wanted a more complete listing of the expenses. Tom said he will ask again for a list from the highway but he provided everything they gave him.

**Motion:** by Tom Linkel and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Roberts to approve the minutes.      **Motion Carried**

**Motion:** by Tom Wilson and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Linkel to approve the Clerk's Report      **Motion Carried**

**Motion:** by Tom Linkel and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Roberts to approve claims      **Motion Carried**

There was discussion on Ordinance 2016-5 on Internal Controls. It was decided to table this ordinance until the information on the committee assigned to it can be included. The ordinance will be presented again in two weeks due to the fact one commissioner will be out of town for two weeks. Tom Wilson also ask that the IC codes be checked closely to make sure the correct codes are referenced. It was determined that a schedule will need to be made for the committee to get together.

It was only possible to obtain one proposal for the fencing for the jail. The company doing the proposal is Oler's Fencing & Construction.

**Motion:** by Eric Roberts and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Linkel to approve the proposal from Oler's for the jail fencing.  
**Motion Carried**

Tom Wilson discussed the fact that he believes that there is not sufficient security at the court house and has had several other people express the same concern. The option to have a metal detector

placed there was discussed. This could be very costly and would require a person to attend it at all times. Tom suggested maybe knee walls and cameras might be an alternative to provide more security and at less of a cost. Eric Roberts said Karla Bauman has expressed concern to him with regard to the danger of the money drawer not having sufficient security. He suggested that possibly we could check into having a drawer that opened electronically. John Worth suggested that maybe we need a committee of the Sheriff and others who would look into resolving the security issues at the court house. A committee was not designated at this time. Tom Wilson said to give Eric Roberts permission at this time to pursue getting knee walls and cameras for security and bring back information on this and also on any grant money that might be available.

**Engineer update:** by Ted Cooley Presented a proposal to change Letting date from October 2016 to July 2017 on bridge #56, 6<sup>th</sup> Street rehabilitation project. Tom Linkel ask if it is INDOT's favor to postpone this. Ted confirmed that it is. Ted said the construction would take approximately ninety days. He will go back to them and try to renegotiate the time period and return with the information. There was also discussion that the work on main street is going to be done the summer of 2017 and it might even be a better plan to push the work on bridge #56 up to 2018.

There was discussion of reclassification of Bridge #144 and #55. By having these bridges reclassified it would save the county money on bridge inspections on them. All commissioners agreed and said INDOT will have to approve the reclassification. There was some discussion that DNR possibly wants to put a bicycle and walking trail on bridge #144. If they decide to do this then DNR would pick up the expense for bridge #144.

Ted stated that the repair cost for Wolf Creek, bridge #139, is estimated at approximately \$189,000. The beams appear to be okay and the problem seems to be with the abutment.

The Paser Study was discussed and determined that it will take six to eight months to complete. There was much discussion as to whether it needs to be done for the whole county or just for roads with traffic of 400 cars and up. The Paser Study will help the county determine where they want to spend their money on roads. Gravel and dead end roads can be excluded. It was suggested that the study be done on all paved through roads and higher density sub-divisions. Ted Cooley will put together a list of roads for the study and present it to the commissioners before the study takes place.

**Motion:** by Tom Linkel and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Roberts to approve payroll.

**Motion Carried**

Eric Roberts moved to acknowledge the email from the Auditors office and employees will continue to accrue one sick day for every fifty two days worked and not acquire seven sick days on their service date. Seven days will be awarded at the beginning of each calendar year after the service date.

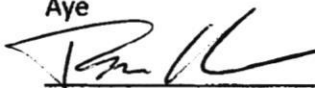
Tim George from the park board addressed the commissioners with the question of vacation hours for park employees. He said they work an eight hour day but when they take a vacation day they only get paid for 6.5 hours instead of eight. He said the park employees only work four days a week and not five. They work their 32.5 hours in four days and not five. A week of vacation is based on 32.5 hours per week and not eight hours per day. Eric Roberts said park hours need to be addressed and they possible

need to be working five days a week at 6.5 hours and not the four day work week. Tim said the park board sets the schedule for all park employees. Nothing was definitely decided as to how the park employees are paid for a day of vacation.

**Motion:** by Tom Wilson and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Linkel to adjourn.

**Motion Carried**

Aye



Tom Wilson

Tom Linkel



Eric Roberts

Nay



Tom Wilson



Tom Linkel



Eric Roberts

Attest:



Debbie Richardson, Chief Deputy Auditor

Franklin County Commissioners  
March 7, 2016  
Commissioners/Council Meeting Room 203

Commissioners: Tom Wilson, Eric Roberts. Tom Linkel – Absent  
Commissioners Secretary: Carol Westerman  
Auditor: Stephen Brack

Open: The meeting was called to order by President Tom Wilson and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Aaron Bell – Southeastern Indiana Solid Waste: Presented his annual report, which included: Recycling, Education, Re-Use Stores, Difficult Disposals, Grant Programs and County Assistance. It should be noted that Franklin County in 2015 recycled 194,223 pounds. SEIRD serves the counties of Franklin, Jefferson, Jennings, Ohio, Ripley, Scott and Switzerland.

Kent Kegerreis – SE IN Workforce Investment Board: presented an update and accomplishments. This is collaboration between Eco Network, SE Indiana Workforce Board, Governor's Work Council and the Area Health Education Center. Grants were awarded in the amount of \$1.8m. There are 17 different regional projects to be implemented in the next 18 months.

Charles Malinowski - Malcon: reviewed the Cost Allocations plans for 2015-2017. Mr. Malinowski asked for approval of the Agreement at a cost of \$9,450.00 for 3 years which equals \$3,150.00 per year. A motion was made by Eric Roberts to approve and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Wilson. Motion carried. The County will receive quarterly payments of \$10,541.00 back to the General Fund.

Millie Simmermeyer: thanking Mr. Wilson for getting her better records but stated the information she received was not signed by the person who prepared it. Commissioner Wilson informed Ms. Simmermeyer that he would have Ted Cooley, Fr. Co. Highway Engineer sign the document for her.

Minutes: A motion was made by Eric Roberts to approve the minutes of the previous meeting and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Wilson. Motion carried.

Other business: Commissioner Roberts brought up the Resolution 2016-11 regarding the Look-Back Measurement Period for ACA. Mr. Wilson stated that he was having Attorney John Worth review before signing. He also said that he didn't get the information soon enough. It should be noted that the auditor stated that we will now have to track hours month to month and would have to offer Park Employees and all Part-time employees insurance if their monthly hours go over 130 hours.

Adjourn: with no further business being discussed a motion was made by Eric Roberts to adjourn and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Wilson. Motion carried.

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Others in attendance: Charles Malinowski, Mildred and Mark Simmermeyer, Aaron Bell, Tim George, Sara Duffy, Kurt Kegerreis, James Sprague, Wayne Monroe. The names are spelled correctly per the sign in sheet.

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Tom Wilson

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Eric Roberts

Attest:

Stephen Brack, Auditor

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Franklin County Commissioners  
March 14, 2016  
Commissioners/Council Meeting Room 203

Commissioners: Tom Wilson, Tom Linkel and Eric Roberts  
Commissioners Secretary: Carol Westerman  
Auditor: Stephen Brack

Open: The meeting was called to order by President Tom Wilson and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Susan Cooper: Appeared before the Commissioners discussing the CAFO (Confined Animal Feeding Operation). She and her husband Scott, had asked the Area Plan to rezone some property from Residential-1 and Recreational to Secondary Agriculture in Section 23 of Fairfield Township. This was given an unfavorable recommendation by the APC/BZA and after review Tom Linkel made a motion to agree with the APC/BZA and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Roberts. Motion carried.

Minutes: A motion was made by Eric Roberts to approve the minutes of the previous meeting and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Wilson. Tom Linkel abstained. Motion carried.

Claims: A motion was made by Tom Linkel to approve claims and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Roberts. Motion carried.

Veterans Report: A motion was made by Tom Wilson to acknowledge receipt of the Veterans Report and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Linkel. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report: A motion was made by Tom Wilson to acknowledge receipt of the Treasurers Report and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Linkel. Motion carried.

Ted Cooley – Franklin County Highway: presented the FHWA Projects which include: Bridge #56 with a proposal to change the Letting date from October 2016 to February or March 2017, Bridge #144 – Fairfield Causeway Rehabilitation and 202 Call Projects with a start date of July 2019 through June 2020. He is recommending committing to 2 projects per year.

Ordinance 2016-5 – Internal Control: tabled until next meeting.

Ordinance 2016-6 – Standard/Highway Handbook – Compensatory Time: a discussion was held concerning changing the accrual from 60 hours to 120 hours. Commissioners Roberts asked that this be tabled so others changes to handbook could be done at the same time as opposed to making changes as needed. A motion was made by Tom Linkel to approve the amendment and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Wilson. Eric Roberts was opposed. Motion carried.

Handbook Meeting: Tom Linkel asked for Commissioner Secretary Carol Westerman to send an email to the Handbook Committee requesting a meeting on March 28, 2016 at 1:00PM.

Franklin County Polling Places: a motion was made by Tom Wilson to approve the recommended Polling Places and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Linkel. Motion carried.

Wolfe Creek Road – E & H Bridge: A discussion was held concerning the quote of \$119,922.00. Commissioner Linkel made a motion to approve but following discussion he later withdrew his motion. No decision was made at this time.

Payroll: A motion was made by Tom Linkel to approve payroll and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Roberts. Motion carried.

Other discussion: Commissioner Roberts discussed a "Chainsaw training" and recommended 2 people be sent. Also Big Cedar Road would be closed the week of March 21, 2016.

Adjourn: With no further business a motion was made by Tom Wilson to adjourn 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Linkel. Motion carried.

Others attending: Mark & Millie Simmermeyer, Betty Lecher, Kris Nelson, Paul & Delores Dobbs, Diana Dobbs, Bill Froman, Susan Cooper, Liz and Jerry Mainous, Kim Simonson, James Sprague, Nancy Abernathy, Duane Bothast, Karen Negangard, Danelle Jentges, James Murney, Tom Schienbein, Sara Duffy, Ted Cooley, Velda Clark, Marty Han. The names are spelled correctly as per the sign in sheet.

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Attest:

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Stephen Brack, Auditor

Franklin County Commissioners  
March 28, 2016  
Commissioners/Council Meeting Room 203

Commissioners: Tom Linkel, Eric Roberts – Tom Wilson – absent  
Commissioners Secretary: Carol Westerman  
Auditor – Stephen Brack – absent – Kim Robinson, acting secy. for Auditor's Office

Open: The meeting was called to order by Vice President, Tom Linkel and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Open Bids: Highway – Tractor and Wheel Loader

MH Equipment – Indianapolis – Wheel Loader - \$148,250.00  
With trade - \$141,250.00 – (\$7,000.00 trade in allowance)  
Bid Bond included with bid

Ohio Cat – Cincinnati, Ohio – Bid bond included with bid  
Wheel Loader - \$163,213.00  
With trade - \$156,813.00

Apple Farm Service – Ohio – No bid bond required in Ohio per Eric Roberts  
Case Tractor - \$53,900.00  
With trade - \$7,500.00

US Brand Mower - \$22,900.00

KDI – John Deere 5100 tractor with Tiger Mower  
Bid Bond included  
Combination - \$79,412.00  
With trade – \$73,912.00

Zimmer Tractor – Bid Bond

Kubota tractor and chamber mower - \$69,900.00  
With trade - \$63,400.00

A motion was made by Tom Linkel to evaluate the bids and make a decision after the council approves Funding and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Roberts. Motion carried.

Commissioners Roberts explained that Council voted to deny the additional and they were opposed to borrowing money. There is approximately \$83,000.00 in the highway line for equipment. However, Commissioner Linkel explained that money was already appropriated for final lease payment on the dozer and excavator, approximately \$53,403.94.

Minutes: Tom Linkel made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Roberts. Motion carried.

Clerks report: A motion was made by Eric Roberts to acknowledge the Clerks report and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Linkel. Motion carried.

Claims: A motion was made by Eric Roberts to approve claims and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Linkel. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2016-05: A motion was made by Tom Linkel to approve and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Roberts. Motion carried.

Other information:

Commissioner Linkel discussed a letter of interest from USI Consultants regarding Pavement Rating and Maintenance Improvement Repair.

American Structure Point – Luke Kahren discussed Pavement Assessment and presented an estimated cost of \$92,400 for a study of all county roads. He also noted that there are many 80/20 state grants available to benefactors.

A motion was made by Tom Linkel to take the above under advisement and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Roberts. Motion carried.

Insurance Renewals: It was noted by Eric Roberts that Pinnacle will apply and that Apex has good ideas as well. Commissioner Linkel stated that he is afraid another company will use up the reserves.

Commissioner Linkel commented that Council would like Commissioners to attend their meeting more often. He would like Council to add wording to their agenda that 2 or more Commissioners can attend without violating the Open Door Law.

Commissioner Roberts asked about the Highway Annual Report and Commissioner Linkel reported that it has been completed.

Payroll: A motion was made by Eric Roberts to approve payroll and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Linkel. Motion carried.

Adjourn: A motion was made by Eric Roberts to adjourn and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Linkel. Motion carried.

Others attending: Brian Belford, Vic Gastuns, Sara Duffy, Betty Lecher, Mildred Simmermeyer, James Sprague and Lyle Frost. The names are spelled correctly per the sign in sheet.

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Attest:

Kim Robinson, Deputy Auditor

Acting Secretary for Auditor Stephen Brack

Franklin County Commissioners  
April 4, 2016  
Commissioners/Council Meeting Room 203

Commissioners: Tom Wilson, Tom Linkel and Eric Roberts  
Commissioners Secretary: Carol Westerman  
Auditor: Stephen Brack

Open: The meeting was called to order by President Tom Wilson and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Betty Lecher: appeared be Commissioners expressing concern about not having a complete list of the cost of Stockpile Bridge. She read from a letter from State Auditor regarding transparency of the bridge project. She also submitted a formal Freedom of Information Act request seeking an itemized list of all cost of the Stockpile bridge project. She also asked Commissioner Wilson, who was the head of the Highway Dept. in 2015 and Highway Dept. Secretary to give the itemized list. Commissioner Wilson stated that Ted Cooley, Highway Engineer signed the statement. In a meeting in March, Commissioner Wilson stated that when Ted Cooley signed the statement he would also, but has since refused; as County Attorney John Worth told him that he didn't have to sign.

Minutes: A motion was made by Tom Linkel to approve the minutes of the previous meeting and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Roberts. Motion carried.

Equipment: Tom Linkel then discussed bids on various pieces of equipment. Tom Linkel made a motion to accept the bid from Zimmer Tractor for a Kubota tractor and chamber mower with a trade in at \$63,400.00, contingent on approval of funding by Council on April 26. Commissioner Roberts expressed some concerns. Commissioner Wilson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and after much thought the motion carried, again with Council approving funding. Other bids: Tractor and Wheel Loader, Commissioner Linkel then asked that these bids all be rejected and leave under advisement until the next meeting. Bid Bonds – are required with bids on equipment; however, Ohio dealers take issue with this. Following discussion a motion was made by Tom Linkel to strike "bid bonds required on equipment," and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Wilson. Motion carried. Commissioner Linkel then made a motion to return all bid bond checks to bidders and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Roberts. Motion carried.

Ted Cooley – Franklin County Highway Engineer: presented his weekly update to include: Senate Bill 67 – \$803,376.00, the county is to use 75% of this money on roads, House Bill 1001 – Road Funding – 50-50 match, FHWA Projects – call for project with bid letting 2021 – would like to commit to 2 projects with funds spent in 2020 and 2021; Bridge 144 – Fairfield Causeway Rehabilitation Project –waiting on response from IDNR funding director and Bridge 56 – letting date verbally agreed upon by INDOT/Consultant for 2/18/2017 with construction to begin May to June 2017. Mr. Cooley also noted that US 52 Culver Replacement project starting March 30 – Dearborn County – project just

West of Wesling Road would be closed mid-July for 60 days and Franklin County – project 600 feet East of Elkhorn Road would close in October for 30 days.

Wolf Creek Road – Bridge #139 – after reviewing the proposal from E&H Bridge and Grating, Inc. a motion was made by Tom Linkel to approve the quote contingent upon funding approval by Council at the April 26, 2016 meeting of \$119,922.00 and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Wilson. Commissioner Roberts asked Mr. Cooley if he was comfortable with this and he replied that he is 100% comfortable with everything. Motion carried contingent upon funding approval by Council. Commissioner Linkel stated that he had already filed the additional in the auditor's office of \$115,000.00. Commissioner Roberts asked if they should consider a little more. Commissioner Linkel asked Auditor Brack if he could change the additional and the Auditor stated it was Mr. Linkel's responsibility.

Adjourn: with no further business to be discussed Mr. Wilson made a motion to adjourn and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Roberts.

Others in attendance: Mark and Millie Simmermeyer, Betty Lecher, John Worth, Timmy George, Marty Han, Lyle Frost, Sara Duffy, John Estridge, Luke Kahren, Becky Oglesby. The names are spelled correctly per the sign in sheet.

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Stephen Brack, Auditor  
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Franklin County Commissioners  
April 11, 2016  
Commissioners/Council Meeting Room 203

Commissioners: Tom Wilson, Tom Linkel and Eric Roberts  
Commissioners Secretary: Carol Westerman  
Auditor: Stephen Brack

Open: The meeting was called to order by President Tom Wilson and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes: a motion was made by Tom Linkel to approve the minutes of the previous meeting and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Roberts. Motion carried.

Claims: A motion was made by Tom Linkel to approve claims and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Roberts. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report: A motion was made by Eric Roberts to acknowledge receipt of Treasurers report and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Linkel. Motion carried.

Veterans Officer: A motion was made by Tom Wilson to acknowledge receipt of the Veterans Officer report and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Linkel. Motion carried.

Wheel Loader: Much discussion was held concerning the bids received for the Wheel Loader from CAT and JCB and did not meet the specifications. A 3<sup>rd</sup> bid was received from John Deere but was not accepted as it was sent electronically, which is not accepted by the Commissioners. Commissioner Linkel stated various reasons the bids should not be accepted and asked that this piece of equipment be rebid. Commissioner Roberts disagreed with some of the reasoning and asked Commissioner Linkel if the real reason he wanted to reject the bids was due to the fact he wanted a John Deere, to which Mr. Linkel stated he does favor John Deere. Commissioner Linkel then made a motion to reject all bids and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Wilson. Commissioner Roberts was opposed. Motion carried. A question was directed to Commissioner Linkel from the audience by Councilman Keith Hall, stating: How many official bids did you receive? Answer 2. Mr. Hall commented as to the fact he didn't understand why there would be a rebid when 2 bids that met specification were accepted. Commissioner Linkel said his goal was to purchase a John Deere loader, because the old loader was good and dependable for years. It was decided to readvertise for sealed bids to be accepted at the April 25<sup>th</sup> meeting and no electronic bids would be accepted.

Franklin County Engineer – Ted Cooley: presented his update. INDOT wasn't able to attend the meeting to discuss the closure of St. Rd. 1 and US 52 Highway for bridge repair. INDOT is getting estimates for a stoplight traffic control rather than closing the bridge. The stoplight control will extend the closure from 90 days to 150 days. Mr. Cooley suggested that residents gather petitions against the complete closure. Several residents expressed their concern over a closure; such as hauling grain, smaller roads are not able to handle semi-truck traffic, passing of school buses and farm equipment. Also Cedar Grove Volunteer Fire Dept. may have difficulty in provide fire protection. The Commissioners will send a letter to INDOT requesting the use of stoplights to control traffic and leave the bridge open. There were four projects prioritized for use of FHWA in 2020: (1) \$1.3 million to rehab St. Mary's Road from Brookville to Levee Road; the county 20% would be \$260,000; (2) a new North Hamburg Bridge #31 over Bullfork



Creek; the current structure is on the list of 19 worst bridges in the county. Mr. Cooley indicated that the Highway Dept. could possibly install a new bridge for under \$400,000; a question was asked from the audience as to why Rockdale Bridge was selected as it is one of the three worst bridges. Mr. Cooley explained that some work had already been done on that bridge. Commissioner Roberts said the bridge is shorter in length and could be fixed by the Highway Dept. at a lesser expense: (3) a \$1 million major pavement rehab for an eligible county road. Commissioner Roberts suggested waiting until the county received the Pavement Evaluation study before making a decision. Commissioner Wilson wanted to divide up the money between 3 parts of the county that the commissioners oversee. Commissioner Roberts spoke against the idea; (4) Federal funding for guardrails. Commissioner Roberts requested Mr. Cooley to prepare estimates for each of the 19 worst bridges in the inspectors report and traffic county for each bridge, which will help in planning the budget for the upcoming year. Mr. Cooley also reported that the county must commit to do improvements as part of the ADA Transition plan and that the county agrees to not discriminate on projects that used federal funds as part of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Commissioner Linkel stated that the county couldn't commit to something it can't afford and Commissioner Roberts said the county could possibly complete the work locally now for \$1,000 instead of spending \$20,000 later. Commissioner Roberts also asked for estimates on installing curb ramps at four pedestrian bridges and other required locations in the county.

Concerns Expressed: Millie Simmermeyer asked the Commissioners to comment on "Take Home Vehicles." She stated this should be counted as a wage to the employee and the County can go back 3-4 years for adjustments. This can be taxed and a penalties and interest can be charged. The Department head is responsible to report accurate wages of employees. It was stated by Commissioner Roberts that he thought this was done in 2009 - 2010 but didn't know why this practice was stopped. Auditor Brack stated he would check into this through the Auditor's Association and report his findings. At this time there are 7 employees who have "Take Home Vehicles:" County Engineer, 3 Road Forman, SAC, Garage Mechanic and the Prosecutor.

60 - 120 Hours Comp Time: Again Mrs. Simmermeyer asked if this needed to be approved by County Council and how is going to save the county money?

Health Insurance: Councilman Hall asked about the bidding our county health insurance to brokers beside Mike Kramer, Pinnacle and Med Ben. Mr. Hall stated that he is not comfortable telling the taxpayers they are getting the best deal for the county employees when for 10 years the county has been dealing with only one broker and health insurance company. Both Commissioners Linkel and Wilson felt the county is getting the best deal and they received figures last week but did not disclose at the meeting. Following the discussion Commissioner Linkel stated that he would consider hiring a consultant to examine the health insurance options to see if the county is receiving the best package at the best price. Councilman Hall stated that the 3 most expensive expenditures to the county are Highway, Sheriff/Jail and Health Insurance. He stated let's get some help to do this fair. How do surrounding counties bid for Health care. Ms. Simmermeyer said that Union County as well as the State of Indiana has changed their process due to expense.

Indemnity Agreement - Metamora Fire Department: The commissioners were asked to sign the Indemnity Agreement for the fireworks held in Metamora. Commissioner Roberts asked that the agreement be rewritten as the way it reads now the county is paying for the fireworks. President Wilson asked John Worth to look the agreement over and bring back to the April 25<sup>th</sup> meeting.



Metamora Fire Department – Permit fee: A motion was made by Tom Linkel to waive the permit fee for the add on addition to the Fire Department in the Historic District and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Roberts. Motion carried.

Payroll: A motion was made by Tom Linkel to approve payroll and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Roberts. Motion carried.

Fred Layton: approach the Commissioners regarding all of the negatives being reported by the media. He stated that people don't understand that the Commissioners are on call 24/7 and what all they do. He also said he doesn't understand why council would not give them insurance. Mr. Layton said there have been many times that Commissioners Wilson and Linkel have stopped by his job site to see how things were going, etc. He just really appreciates the work they do.

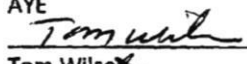
SAC – Daryl Kramer: asked that since Steve Monroe is on Workman's Comp is there a need to put more money on the line in order to get someone to fill in while he is off. At this time if there is a need the Sheriff's Dept. is called but they will not do anything with the animal and the part-time at the Transfer station will only feed the dogs at the shelter.

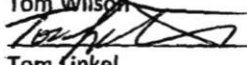
Commissioner Linkel stated to the Auditor that Treasurer Voelker is unable to access some information from the LOW System. The Auditor stated that LOW was working directly with Ms. Voelker to correct the problem. Mr. Linkel state he would like there to be transparency.

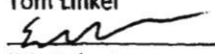
A motion was made by Tom Wilson to recess this meeting and reconvene at 2:00PM for the meeting with the DNR.

Others in attendance: Mark and Millie Simmermeyer, Betty Lecher, Mike Kohlsdorf, Tim Wilson, Sara Duffy, Keith Hall, James Sprague, Lyle Frost, Freddy Layton, Larry Merkel, Wayne Monroe, Bill Schirmer, Daryl Kramer, Pete Hebauf, Linda Hall and Ted Cooley. The names are spelled correctly per the sign in sheet.

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Attest:

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Stephen Brack, Auditor

Franklin County Commissioners  
April 25, 2016  
Commissioners/Council Meeting Room 203

Commissioners: Tom Wilson, Tom Linkel and Eric Roberts  
Commissioners Secretary: Carol Westerman  
Auditor: Stephen Brack

Open: The meeting was called to order by President Tom Wilson and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Statement: President Wilson stated to the public that a change has been made in the meeting format that any questions from the public will be addressed at the end of the meeting.

Bids: Commissioner Linkel addressed the bids received for Wheel Loader. MH/JCB - \$144,180.00 with a trade in of \$7,000.00 and final price of \$137,180.00. The next bid was received from John Deere of \$151,000.00 and a trade in of \$6,000.00 with final price of \$145,000.00. A motion was made by Tom Linkel to take the bids under advisement and award at the May 2, 2016 meeting and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Wilson. Motion carried. Caterpillar did not resubmit a bid.

Claims: A motion was made by Tom Wilson to accept claims and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Linkel. Motion carried.

Clerk's report: A motion to acknowledge receipt of the Clerk's report for March 2016 was made by Tom Wilson and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Linkel. Motion carried.

Franklin County Highway Engineer – Ted Cooley: FHWA Projects: the bid award will take place in 2021. It was suggested to commit to receive 2 grants; however there are 4 projects that Mr. Cooley presented letters on, which include: North St. Mary's Road Rehabilitation, Blue Creek Road 6 Bridge Rehabilitation, Guardrail Construction and Bridge #31 replacement. A motion was made by Tom Linkel to sign the letter for the St. Mary's Project and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Roberts. Motion carried. A motion was made by Tom Linkel to sign the letter for the Blue Creek Project and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Roberts. Motion carried. A motion was made by Tom Wilson to sign the letter for the Guardrail Project and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Linkel. Motion carried. At this time the 4<sup>th</sup> project (Bridge 31 replacement was removed.) Mr. Cooley stated he would be attending the County Council meeting at 7:00 PM to ask for the President of Council signature as well. A motion was made by Eric Roberts to have Carol Westerman draft a letter to Council regarding House Enacted Bill 1001 for the 50-50 match and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Linkel. Motion carried.

Take Home Vehicle – President Wilson stated the John Worth would be reviewing the information/ordinance and report back in 2 weeks.

Materiality Threshold Policy – IC 5-11-1-27: a letter was received from SBOA – Paul Joyce State Examiner that a policy for reporting irregular variances, losses, shortages and theft, which require written notice of any misappropriation of public funds be reported. At this time the County doesn't have a policy in place; however Commissioner Roberts thought this would go along with Internal Control and suggested a meeting be set for Monday, May 2 at 1:00PM and Auditor Brack would email those who are asked to attend: Clerk, Treasurer, Auditor, Sheriff and Commissioner.

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Historic District – David Brower: requested the Commissioners approve the update for the bathroom at the old hotel in the historic district. It was stated the Commissioners didn't need to approve. In order to make their decision official a motion was made by Tom Wilson to approve the update and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Linkel. Motion carried.

Indemnity Agreement – MVFD: A motion was made by Tom Wilson to sign the Indemnity Agreement for the Metamora Fire Department for the 2016 Fireworks and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Linkel. Motion carried.

Tax Sale Addendum: a motion was made by Tom Linkel to sign the addendum and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Roberts. Motion carried.

Board of Health: a motion was made by Tom Linkel to approve the appointment of Jennifer Proffitt to the Board of Health and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Roberts. Motion carried.

Court House Cameras: Commissioner Roberts stated he was not prepared to discuss at this time. He wanted more time to review cost and to further evaluate the project.

Jail: A motion was made by Eric Roberts to approve the quote of \$575.00 from Connersville Mirror and Glasswork for tinted glass at the jail and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Linkel. Motion carried.

Direct Deposit: Commissioner Wilson discussed the direct deposit of payroll and stated he had received information that several employees are not happy with it. There is concern as to the Bank ABA#'s, Account Numbers, Social Security Numbers and the possibility of discontinuing until a policy is in place. Commissioner Linkel stated he had checked into this further and the information he has received it is secure. The Auditor stated he had checked with the Association and also stated the employee information is locked and able to be accessed only by the Payroll deputy. Mr. Wilson wanted to know about the security of the computer system and how "Hackers" could be stopped.

Payroll: It was noted that Steve Thomas needed to be paid overtime on the payroll as he had worked over 40 hours between the Transfer Station and SAC. The auditor duly noted and would make the correction. A motion was made by Tom Linkel to approve payroll and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Roberts. Motion carried.

Andersonville Community Center: Commissioner Roberts read a letter from the center asking the commissioners for \$1,000.00 to replace 3 toilets from the original construction in 1990. Council President Becky Oglesby asked if they were charging rent, holding bake sales to get some additional funding and the possibility of the Township Trustee assisting in funding. President Wilson stated that the Township is broke. The Commissioners will forward their request to County Council.

Other Discussion: Betty Lecher came back to ask again for a full accounting of Stockpile Road Bridge. She stated that she had asked 3 weeks ago and still hasn't received a reply. She also asks that the Highway Secretary prepare the report and Commissioner Wilson to sign as he was in charge of the Highway Dept. in 2015. She said what she had received was incorrect. Commissioner Wilson asked her how she knew it was wrong and the he did not have to sign a report. He also stated that state law does require a document to be created that does not already exist. Mrs. Simmermeyer continued questioning the Commissioners and stated that the information she received shows various pricing and a \$20,000 difference in the total cost. The Commissioners explained how there could be different information or pricing on gravel and labor rates. Commissioner Wilson also explained that the secretary

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should have more accurate information and that some records were hand written and are as accurate as possible. Later Commissioner Wilson directed Mr. Cooley to meet with the ladies after the meeting.

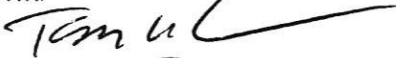
Old Rules: As stated earlier in the meeting he was making some changes and that public comment would be at the end of the meeting. However, he didn't stick to the rules as there were still comments and questions from the public, which were mostly elected officials. Commissioner Wilson said he had discussed the change with Commissioner Linkel and they agreed. No comment from Commissioner Roberts was obtained. Councilman Hall asked if he would be permitted to participate and was told NO but later the commissioners agreed that elected officials should be allowed to participate. From the audience Linda Hall commented and stated that council allows public comment. She wants to change the Open Door Law and allow public comment. Commissioners Linkel like the openness of the meeting which helps resolve issues but he also feels that public comments are completely out of control.

Senate Bill 67: Commissioner Wilson said that he had received a letter from Senator Leising that Council Daryl Kramer had written her a letter that he did not want to County to receive any money that was a part of the SEA bill 67. The county will be given \$803,000. He stated the Mr. Kramer said the extra money would hurt the county in the long run. Commissioner Wilson stated that he had not mentioned this before now because he didn't want the county to lose the money. Commissioner Wilson was asked if he had a copy of Mr. Kramer's letter and he said No that Senator Leising had it. Senator Leising was asking for Commissioner Wilson opinion. Commissioner Wilson stated that Councilmen Hall and Kramer did not understand the county financial reports as they both said the county was in the red.

Adjourn: with no further business coming before the meeting a motion to adjourn was made by Tom Wilson and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Linkel. Motion carried.

Others in attendance: Betty Lecher, Mark and Millie Simmermeyer, Keith and Linda Hall, James Sprague, Tim George, Ted Cooley, Brent Roberts, John Estridge, Sara Duffy, Lyle Frost, Veronica Voelker, Karla Bauman and Becky Oglesby. The names are spelled correctly per the sign in sheet.

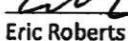
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Attest:

Stephen Brack, Auditor

MAY 2  
Franklin County Commissioners  
May 1, 2016  
Commissioners/Council Meeting Room 203

Commissioners: Tom Wilson, Tom Linkel and Eric Roberts  
Commissioners Secretary: Carol Westerman  
Auditor: Stephen Brack

Open: The meeting was called to order by President Tom Wilson and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Open Bids: Highway Wheel Loader: The following bids were received: John Deere and JCB. Commissioner Linkel stated that he had reviewed the bids and still feels that the John Deere is the best offer. It meets all the specs and he is very comfortable. Commissioner Roberts stated that the JCB was equal to the John Deere and it would save the county \$8,000.00. Commissioner Linkel made a motion to accept the John Deere bid as: \$151,000.00 less trade in of \$6,000.00 with a final bid of \$145,000.00. The commissioner continued debating the parking brake, front differential and horsepower and torque. The JCB representative was in the audience and stated that he could provide another model that would meet the specs of Commissioner Linkel with exception of the brake. Commissioner Wilson stated that the specs should be followed as close as possible. Commissioner Roberts stated that Horse Power is only a number and the torque should be considered. Councilman Keith Hall was in the audience and asked a question of which President Wilson commented back that "We are not asking for your input." At this time Councilman Hall stated that the Commissioners were reversing what they had said earlier that the elected officials could comment during the meeting. He then asked President Wilson "If he was the dictator for the day." Commissioner Wilson responded that the purchase "was not relevant to him." Councilman Hall reminded him that he was a citizen and taxpayer and asked he was saying that no one is allowed to speak. Commissioner Wilson then asked that he hold his comments to the end of the meeting. Councilman Hall stated that Council is the fiscal department of the county and the commissioners are spending an extra \$8,000.00 for a piece of equipment and wanted to know if this is justified. Councilman Hall also stated the specs were written to match the John Deere catalog and made it impossible for any company to compete. Commissioner Linkel stated that Caterpillar could meet the specs but the JCB rep stated that Caterpillar does not have a torque convertor in its transmission and could not have met the specs. Commissioner Linkel considered rebidding the wheel loader again but Commissioner Roberts stated two rounds of bidding was enough and they need to come to a conclusion. At the time President Wilson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion carried. Commissioner Roberts was opposed.

Minutes: a motion was made by Eric Roberts to approve the minutes of the previous meeting and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Linkel. Motion carried.

Betty Lecher – Rebuttal – responded to Commissioner Wilson's letter to the editor of the Brookville Democrat and she talked about Health Insurance for Commissioners, Citizens right to access public records and the recording keeping at the highway department. Ms. Lecher also quoted from the handbook, which the Commissioners changed to include elected officials in the health coverage. She commented that the Commissioners showed no mercy to taxpayers for the cost of providing the coverage. She also explained the Indiana Code for broad and easy access to public records. She also said the Commissioners are required to make a reasonable effort to satisfy her request. She also questioned why the Highway Department does not track costs of projects by assigning special project numbers. There was no comment by the Commissioners.

Ted Cooley – Franklin County Highway Engineer: Highway 52 near New Trenton will be closed from July 11 to November 11 to repair two culverts. The official detour for trucks will be SR 1 to SR 46 and US 52. Commissioner Roberts stated he would like to see 2 unofficial detours for local traffic. He would like to see Johnson Fork in Dearborn County and St. Peters Road in Franklin County. His concern is trucks using the narrow, winding New Trenton hill. The state would like only one local detour as the state will pay to repair any damage caused by the detour. County Engineer Cooley will ask the state for the two detours.

First Group Engineering – Shawn Strange: much discussion was held interviewing and questioning Mr. Strange before voting on the contract of \$41,800.00. This amount will be reduced to exclude gravel roads that were included in the prior proposal. In order to receive the 50-50 match for state grants for road repairs the county must do an analysis of paved roads and a plan for future maintenance must be included. The analysis must be done in a time to apply for the first round of grants. There will be grants available up to \$1 million dollars available in 2016 and 2017. Mr. Strange stated his group would meet the deadline. At first, Commissioner Linkel was hesitant in case the council would require multiple vendors. Mr. Cooley stated that quotes were already received from USI in the amount of \$103,000.00 and Structure Point for \$92,000.00. Mr. Strange also informed the Commissioners his firm could hold down cost and promised to exceed state requirement for the pavement study. A motion was made by Eric Roberts to move forward to offer a contract to Mr. Strange and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Linkel. Motion carried. They would sign the paperwork at the May 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. Discussion was also held concerning how to pay; using bridge fund or money intended for local roads. Councilman Hall stated the Highway Department has sufficient money available in the inspection category to cover this contract.

Direct Deposit – Tom Linkel: read a detailed explanation on Direct Deposit which he stated was merely his opinion. He stated that at first everyone knew he was not in favor but with a better understanding he is OK with it.

Other business: Locked store room – Commissioner Linkel stated that he and Commissioner Wilson along with Auditor Brack looked over the store room and that there is a lot of information available to anyone going there that should not be available to the public. President Wilson will get with Darin Brack and have keys made and anyone needing to go in the storage should be accompanied by a County Employee and a log in sheet needs to be available. Night Meetings: Councilman Hall stated that a person in attendance of the Council meeting asked why there were not NIGHT MEETINGS so more people could attend. It should be noted that night meetings used to be held but there was hardly any attendance.

Adjourn: with not further business being addressed a motion was made by Tom Wilson and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Roberts to adjourn. Motion carried.

Others in attendance: Betty Lecher, Mark and Millie Simmermeyer, Keith Hall, Gene Eaton, Sara Duffy, Lyle Frost, James Sprague, Ray Kerseys, Shawn Strange, Marty Han and Ted Cooley. The names are spelled correctly per the sign in sheet.

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Attest:

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Stephen Brack, Auditor

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## **Franklin County Commissioners**

**May 9, 2016**

### **Commissioners / Council Meeting Room**

**Commissioners:** Tom Wilson, Eric Roberts, Absent - Tom Linkel

**Commissioners Secretary:** Carol Westerman

**Chief Deputy Auditor:** Debbie Richardson

**Others Attending:** Betty Lecher, Mildred Simmermeyer, Ted Cooley, Justin Ball, Brian DeFossett, Ray Kersey, Tim George, Sara Duffy, John Estridge, David Getz, James Sprague, Nathan Meyer, Chris Nicholson, and Kristen Nicholson.

**Open:** The Meeting was called to order by Tom Wilson and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Joe Gillespie spoke regarding the request for extended service of Kentucky Lane. He read a letter from Barbara Jeffries stating that their daughter is interested in building a home further down Kentucky Lane and it is impossible for an automobile to drive there. Joe said the distance is about .72 mi from Carolina Trace to where they stop the maintenance. Eric Roberts said it could cost in excess of \$20,000 to extend the road as double chip sealing would be necessary to prevent washing of gravel. He would be in favor of maintaining the road if the property owners double chip sealed and extended the road as they believe necessary. Tom Wilson agreed the daughter was at the meeting and will discuss with family and decide if they want to do this. No decision was made for the county to extend the road as funds are not available at this time.

**Motion:** Eric Roberts made a motion to approve claims as presented. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Wilson M/C

**Motion:** Tom Wilson made a motion to accept the Veteran Service Office report Eric Roberts 2<sup>nd</sup> M/C

**Engineer Update:** Ted Cooley ask for the acceptance of the Paser Study with First Group Engineering Inc. for \$41,800. He stated that the LTPA increased an item on the study that will cost as much as rating the gravel roads. He stated that the numbers are still about the same.

**Motion:** Eric Roberts made a motion to sign the contract with First Group Engineering, Inc. for \$24,600 Pavement Field Inspection and \$17,200 for MIP Planning for a total of \$41,800. Tom Wilson 2<sup>nd</sup> M/C

Ted Cooley also requested adoption of the ADA Transition Plan and Title VI Implementation Plan. He stated that there is no money commitment assigned to it.

**Motion:** Eric Roberts moved to adopt the ADA Transition Plan and Title VI Implementation Plan. Tom Wilson 2<sup>nd</sup> M/C

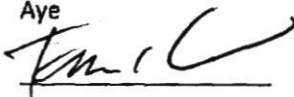
**Motion:** Eric Roberts made a motion to approve payroll. Tom Wilson 2<sup>nd</sup> M/C



**Unkept/Unsafe Ordinance:** Tom Wilson opened discussion on the unkept/unsafe ordinance. John Worth said that some of the citations submitted were obsolete and he will research and report back to the commissioners.

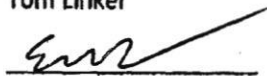
**Motion:** Tom Wilson made a motion to adjourn. Eric Roberts 2<sup>nd</sup> M/C

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Debbie Richardson, Chief Deputy Auditor

# **FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**May 23, 2016**

## **Commissioners / Council Meeting Room**

**Commissioners:** Tom Wilson, Eric Roberts, Tom Linkel

**Commissioners Secretary:** Carol Westerman

**Chief Deputy Auditor:** Debbie Richardson

**Others Attending:** Betty Lecher, Mildred Simmermeyer, James Sprague, Tim George, Karla Bauman, Becky Oglesby, Veronica Voelker, and Ted Cooley.

**Open:** The meeting was called to order by Tom Wilson and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance

Becky Oglesby spoke regarding the EMS contract with the county. She presented a letter from EMS for \$165,000.00 for 2017 asking for the funds to be distributed from the CAGIT public safety distribution. Becky states that Grant Reeves suggested they request an amount higher because the amount of the contract can always be reduced if so decided by council.

Becky Oglesby also mentioned that Addie Roker, the consultant from Kent Irwin's office, would like to have a representative from county council and or the commissioner's office there for the presentation of the overtime checks to the employees involved in the underpayment of overtime for 2014, 2015, and to date. The employees in 911 and communications which earned overtime in 2014 through present were paid on an incorrect hourly rate which did not include longevity and holiday pay. Ten employees were involved and the total payment equaled \$2,241.09. Becky stated she would attend and Eric Roberts stated he will see if he can be available also. A tentative date to take care of this situation was set for June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Specific details of how this will be done will be coordinated with Kent Irwin's office.

Becky Oglesby also stated she had a letter from Jean Leising's office regarding the matching grants available for road and bridge repairs. Becky stated she will be attending a meeting on October 6<sup>th</sup> regarding this matter.

**Motion:** by Tom Linkel and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Roberts to approve minutes from May 2<sup>nd</sup>. M/C

**Motion:** by Eric Roberts and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Linkel to approve minutes from May 9<sup>th</sup>. M/C

**Motion:** by Eric Roberts and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Linkel to approve Treasurer's Report M/C

**Motion:** by Tom Wilson and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Linkel to approve Claims with the exception of the claim for the Loader and the claim for E&H Bridge.

Tom Wilson stated that there is immediate need for electronic surveillance in the court house with cameras. He stated that it needs to be secure like the Treasurer's office in the government center. Eric

Roberts said he is trying to come up with other ways to develop safety in the court house. He would like to hold off on making any decisions until more research can be done. Karla Bauman stated that the panic buttons do not work. Eric said the current quote is for three cameras and that is not enough for every room. Eric Roberts stated that maybe we should get a quote for cameras in every room in the court house. John Worth said there is possibly some grant money available to help from Homeland Security. The quote is only for an eight channel network and Eric Roberts believes we need to get a quote for possibly a twelve to sixteen channel network. This project was tabled for two weeks in order to look for another quote.

Joe Gillespie presented eleven ordinances from the Planning Commission ranging from wording and typo errors to other minor changes and amendments needed.

**Motion:** by Tom Wilson 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Linkel to approve Ord. 2016-8 Amend Citizens Zoning Code 2011-14 Sec 80.10.07 & Sec 80-11.04 & 80.11.05 & 80.12.01I & J **M/C**

**Motion:** by Tom Wilson 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Linkel to approve Ord. 2016-9 Amend Citizens Zoning Code 2011-14 Sec 80-06-04 **M/C**

**Motion:** by Tom Wilson 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Linkel to approve Ord. 2016-10 Amend Citizens Zoning Code 2011-14 Sec 80.13 **M/C**

**Motion:** by Tom Wilson 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Linkel to approve Ord 2016-11 Amend Citizens Zoning Code 2011-14 Sec 80.08.04 & Sec 80.08.06 **M/C**

**Motion:** by Tom Wilson 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Linkel to approve Ord 2016-12 Amend Citizens Zoning Code 2011-14 Sect 80-08.02A **M/C**

**Motion:** by Tom Wilson 2<sup>nd</sup> by tom Linkel to approve Ord 2016-13 Amend Citizens Zoning Code 2011-14 Sec 80.08.02C **M/C**

**Motion:** by Tom Wilson 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Linkel to approve Ord 2016-14 Amend Citizens Zoning Code 2011-14 Sec 80.06.04 **M/C**

**Motion:** by Tom Wilson 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Linkel to approve Ord 2016-15 Amend Citizens Zoning Code 2011-14 Sec 80.06.03A **M/C**

**Motion:** by Tom Wilson 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Linkel to approve Ord 2016-16 Amend Citizens Zoning Code 2011-14 Sec 80.06.02A **M/C**

**Motion:** by Tom Wilson 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Linkel to approve Ord 2016-17 Amend Citizens Zoning Code 2011-14 Sec 80.05.04A **M/C**

**Motion:** by Tom Wilson 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Linkel to approve Ord 2016-18 Amend Citizens Zoning Code 2011-14 Sec 80.04.03C **M/C**

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**Motion:** by Tom Wilson 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Linkel to approve Ord 2016-19 Amend citizens Zoning Code 2011-14 Sec 80.02E M/C

**Motion:** by Eric Roberts 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Linkel to send the swimming pool ordinance back to the planning board which was not approved. M/C

**Motion:** by Eric Roberts 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Wilson to sign and approve both agreements from Mobil Comm – E911 & Sheriff M/C

Ted Cooley presented the engineers report. He presented the INDOT agreement for unofficial detours for signature.

**Motion:** by Tom Wilson 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Roberts to sign INDOT agreement for unofficial detours M/C

Ted Cooley stated that water is running over some roads due to low areas. Tom Wilson ask if we can get permission from the property owners to clean out streams that are blocked by debris, fallen trees etc. John Worth said that would be okay.

Eric Roberts ask if we can turn in chip and seal for the 50/50 program. Tom Linkel said will check but they are going to want to know what roads.

**Motion:** by Tom Linkel 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Roberts to approve payroll M/C

There was discussion on direct deposit for payroll and electronic distribution for claims. Tom Linkel said he can no longer give his support for direct deposit or electronic distribution at this time. He said until things are cleared up in the Auditor's office he cannot support these procedures. Tom Wilson was in agreement and there was discussion as to stopping both procedures completely. Debbie Richardson ask them to clarify that if an employee wants direct deposit for payroll that they are not going to allow it. There are some employees that are satisfied and want to remain on direct deposit. Tom Wilson said he has always been for choice but if an employee wants to opt out of direct deposit they should be able to. Debbie Richardson explained that the state is highly encouraging direct deposit and electronic distribution. There is a big time and money savings in using these procedures and the auditor's office has been commended for implementing these procedures. I also advised that it will take time to order and receive checks to start issuing again. Tom Linkel said he has been receiving some calls from vendors not wanting electronic distributions. He did not give specifics on the calls.

**Motion:** by Tom Linkel 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Wilson to make direct deposit optional and not a condition of employment or mandatory and that an employee can opt out if so desires and so stated that a vendor can refuse electronic distribution if so desired. M/C

Tom Wilson ask that the auditor's office send a letter to all department heads advising that it will no longer be a condition of employment or mandatory to have direct deposit.

**Motion:** by Tom Wilson 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Linkel to adjourn. M/C

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Aye



Tom Wilson

Tom Linkel



Eric Roberts

Attest:

Debbie Richardson, Chief Deputy Auditor

Nay

Tom Wilson

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Eric Roberts

Franklin County Commissioners  
Commissioners/Council Meeting Room 203  
June 6, 2016

Commissioners: Tom Wilson, Eric Roberts – Tom Linkel: Absent  
Commissioners Secretary: Carol Westerman  
Auditor: Stephen Brack

Open: The meeting was called to order by President Tom Wilson and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes: A motion was made by Eric Roberts to approve the minutes of the previous meeting and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Wilson. Motion carried.

Claims: A motion was made by Eric Roberts to approve claims as submitted. Tom Wilson questioned the claim from the Auditor's office being paid from the wrong fund. Eric withdrew his motion. A motion was then made by Tom Wilson to approve claims, except that of Waggoner-Irwin and Schelle and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Roberts. Motion carried.

Clerk's Report: A motion was made by Tom Wilson to acknowledge receipt of the Clerk's report and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Roberts. Motion carried.

Public Transportation: Cathy Peisor gave the Commissioners her Annual Report and asked the Commissioners to sign next week.

Appointments: FC Convention, Recreation, Visitor Commission and Public Library was tabled until June 20.

Indiana State Board of Animal Health: A motion was made by Tom Wilson to sign the contract for \$12,000.00 and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Roberts.

Medicaid for Inmates: A motion was made by Eric Roberts to approve and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Wilson. Eric asked that Tom Wilson sign the contract.

Franklin County Highway – Ted Cooley: Discussion was held concerning how much money the county would commit to spend on road repairs as part of the 50-50 match. Commissioner Wilson is in favor of spending all we get and Commissioner Roberts stated that Council was willing to let the Commissioners spend \$600,000.00 and the remaining amount at a later time. Commissioner Roberts wanted to apply for enough grant money to chip and seal roads without hiring a contractor. Also Commissioner Roberts stated that if all the money was spent there would be no money to fix St. Mary's Road. The Federal Program requires the County pay 20%. There was discussion regarding information from the State Conference that explained the Grant Process to which President Wilson added that no grant money would be received until August or September. The state will oversee the grant process. It is also noted that each road is a separate grant application. Mr. Cooley will prepare a list of road repairs costing a total of \$1.6 million and the Commissioners will select specific roads. The final list will be presented June 28 to the Council. It was discussed about using Cumulative Bridge Money or Rainy Day Funds to which Council President stated that State Board prohibits transfer of funds from fund to fund.

Payroll: A motion was made by Eric Roberts to approve and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Wilson. Motion carried.

Other Discussion:

- (1) Process of changing from Direct Deposit to paper check.
- (2) Asked Treasurer if she was able to get to payroll info to which she state No she isn't
- (3) Steve Thomas working in 2 areas and possibility of being offered insurance.
- (4) Commissioner Roberts stated he would have 2 quotes by end of week for security at Court House.
- (5) Commissioner Roberts will ask Council for approval to spend \$42,000.00 to replace a Sheriff Cruiser that was destroyed.
- (6) Commissioner Roberts will ask permission from Council to sell a boat owned by the Sheriff Department.
- (7) John Worth spoke a meeting regarding Open Door Law on July 14

Public Comment: John Estridge questioned Commissioner Roberts about a meeting that both he and Commissioner Linkel had at the Highway Department. Commissioner Roberts stated that he was at the Highway on the date in question but was not a part of the meeting. Also he questioned the fact that an Executive Session had been scheduled for May 25 but was later cancelled.

Auditor Stephen Brack asked if the Commissioners would be approving an Unemployment Claim that was filed. Commissioner Wilson stated the employee was not old enough for Social Security or Perf. No decision was made at this time.

Adjourn: with no further business coming before the meeting a motion was made by Tom Wilson to adjourn and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Roberts. Motion carried.

Others in attendance: Betty Lecher, Mildred Simmermeyer, James Sprague, Bryauna Crouch, Cathy Pelsor, Veronica Voelker, Sara Duffy, Karla Bauman, Hollie Maxie, Ted Cooley, Becky Oglesby and Steve Meyer. The names are spelled correctly from the sign in sheet.

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Attest:

Stephen Brack  
Stephen Brack, Auditor



Franklin County Commissioners  
June 13, 2016  
Commissioners/Council Meeting Room 203

Commissioners: Tom Wilson, Eric Roberts – Tom Linkel – absent  
Commissioners Secretary: Carol Westerman  
Auditor: Stephen Brack

Open: The meeting was called to order by President Tom Wilson and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes: A motion was made by Eric Roberts to approve the minutes of the previous meeting and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Wilson. Motion carried.

VSO report: A motion was made by Tom Wilson to acknowledge receipt of the VSO report and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Roberts. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report: A motion was made by Tom Wilson to acknowledge receipt of the Treasurer's report and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Roberts. Motion carried.

Public Transportation: A motion was made by Eric Roberts to have President Tom Wilson sign the annual report of the Public Transportation and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Wilson. Motion carried.

Unkept/Unsafe Ordinance: Mr. Worth didn't have an update. However he stated that SBOA is proposing that all counties adopt their "code of ethics" by early July.

Franklin County Highway – Ted Cooley: presented his update. Mr. Cooley stated that the Paser documents would be available next week. He received 2 quotes on the cutting the ends off of the steel tanks and Commissioner Roberts asked if the Highway Department could do this project themselves. There was a lot of discussion concerning Wolf Creek Bridge. Mr. Cooley is questioning if the new bridge being 62 foot in length will be long enough. The current structure is 45 foot long. The discussion between Wilson and Roberts was do we demolish the existing abutments and start over with a design. Mr. Roberts stated that we should design a bridge before buying a bridge. Commissioner Wilson stated that we are too far along to change. Mr. Cooley will inspect the bridge and report back. It was also stated that buying a longer bridge or removing the stone abutments would increase the projected cost to \$250,000.00. Next week the Commissioners will select roads for which they hope the grant money will be used for repairs. Commissioner Roberts stated that the cost is more important in making the decision as opposed to the number of roads.

Comments: Once again John Estridge from Whitewater Publications was inquiring on the Treasurer not having full access to Payroll. The auditor was asked if he was the Security Administrator and if he in fact took away the access. The auditor stated that the Treasurer has everything she needs to do her job. Mr. Estridge and Mr. Wilson informed everyone that everything is public information. Mr. Wilson commented that the Treasurer's office and Auditor's office need to work together. A question was asked from the audience if they were able to see Highway budget and the Auditor told them he could get copies of whatever they needed. Sara Duffy from the Observer asked where Commissioner Linkel was to which she was told he is on vacation.

Adjourn: No further business a motion was made by Tom Wilson to adjourn and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Roberts.  
Motion carried.

Others attending: Betty Lecher, Mildred Simmermeyer, Brent Roberts, Sara Duffy, James Sprague, Karla Bauman, Ted Cooley and John Worth.

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Stephen Brack, Auditor

Franklin County Commissioners  
June 20, 2016  
Commissioners/Council Meeting Room 203

Commissioners: Tom Wilson, Tom Linkel and Eric Roberts  
Commissioners Secretary: Carol Westerman  
Auditor: Stephen Brack

The meeting was called to order by President Tom Wilson and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

SEIRPC – Susan Craig: Susan explained that she had heard from County Council members that there is now interest in applying for the grant for repairing owner-occupied homes. Ms. Craig explained that a grant for \$13,000.00 has already been secured from the US Department of Agriculture. This grant can be used as 10% match to secure the \$130,000.00 state grant at no cost to the county. The issue now is if the county council wants to spend \$21,000.00 to secure the maximum grant of \$350,000.00. Currently there is a waiting list of six eligible homeowners and she would like to expand the list to at least 11 pre-qualified people. A brief meeting for questions or comments was held regarding the grant application and how to sign up an elderly resident. Home owners who are elderly - over age 62, disabled or single head of household can call 812-689-5505 for additional information. The Commissioners signed the application which didn't commit to a specific dollar amount and will now wait to see if the Council will approve spending the \$21,000.00 at its next meeting – June 28. President Wilson asked about a grant for replacing windows at the Laurel Community Center to which Ms. Craig stated a grant was received for a new roof several years ago and a 2<sup>nd</sup> grant is possible. President Wilson asked Twp. Trustee Roy Hall if his township would be interested in providing matching money for home repair and he stated he would consider in 2017 as the matching money is not in his budget for this year.

John Darlin – asked the commissioners about vacating an alley in New Trenton – Smith Alley. Mr. Darlin explained that the alley is a zoo. The alley is 14 feet wide by 165 feet long and next to his home. He told the commissioners that he had to pay to have a tree removed that blocked his driveway. The tree was on county property and he was told by the Highway Department they have not maintained that area for 30 years. There is also a lot of vandalism of several buildings and a meth lab that was closed down in a nearby trailer home. Mr. Darlin's original purpose was to have the commissioners abandon the alley and give him possession and he would maintain the area. Ms. Polly Maucher whose property adjoined the area in question she is against vacating the alley and giving her ownership of ½ of the alley. She didn't want the responsibility. Ms. Maucher also stated that she and her late husband cleaned the alley for years before he passed away. The commissioners agreed to clean up the alley and trim the trees. Both Mr. Darlin and Ms. Maucher agreed to leave the alley as a public right away.

Doug Foster – ETC – reported on the internet service and how to improve the service to three county buildings. Commissioner Linkel reported the speed is at a "Snail's Pace." Mr. Foster proposed a 3 three contract service for all 3 buildings and a savings of \$760.00 per year. This includes unlimited Internet 25 times faster download speeds and twice as fast upload speeds. Mr. Linkel stated they could not commit to a 3 year contract but were in favor of ending the contract with Frontier but the 911 phone system would remain with Frontier. Mr. Foster will return to have the commissioners sign the new contract.

Highway – Ted Cooley - presented his update. Much discussion was held concerning how the county is spending its bridge tax money. Commissioner Roberts talked about the county keeping its commitments to repair both 6<sup>th</sup> St. Bridge and Fairfield Causeway. The Commissioners have been

accumulating tax money to pay the 20% share of these projects where as 80% comes from the federal government through the Indiana Dept. of Transportation. Mr. Roberts stated there is enough money to for two federal projects but no extra money for repairing other bridges. Mr. Cooley stated he wants to repair Wolf Creek Bridge #139. Mr. Roberts then stated that there would not be enough money then for both the 6<sup>th</sup> St. Bridge and the Causeway Bridge. Mr. Cooley stated that the county has put \$120,000.00 in escrow for 6<sup>th</sup> St. Bridge project in Dec. 2017 and \$347,000.00 for the Causeway Bridge in March 2018. Commissioner Linkel stated he is against spending county money for the repair to Causeway Bridge as the Indiana Dept. of Natural Resources is not providing any money. Mr. Cooley asked about backing out of the federally funded project would jeopardize getting future federal money. Franklin County has already been approved for approximately \$1.7 million in federal money. Commissioner Linkel stated that he was doubtful that INDOT would blackball the county for cancelling an approved project. Commissioner Roberts questioned Linkel on his reasoning for cancelling repairs on the highly traveled bridge and allow it to deteriorate further. Commissioner Wilson stated that the bridge structure is good for 20 years. Mr. Roberts stated if they fix it now it could last 50 years. He also stated that they should consider spending the millions later to replace the bridge as opposed to the \$347,000.00 now. Commissioner Linkel demanded to see proof of making repairs now will increase the life span of the Causeway Bridge. At this time no decision was made.

Laurel Road Study – President Wilson stated he wants the Town of Laurel included in the county's contract for a pavement study and that the Town of Laurel has no money to pay for its own study. Commissioner Roberts stated that Laurel received money for road improvement as every other town in Franklin County under Senate Bill 67 in the amount of \$8,620.00. Commissioner Roberts stated he objected due to the fact that every other town would then want the county to pay for their study as well. President Wilson said he would discuss the funding with the Town of Laurel.

Road Repairs – It is noted the Commissioners have more time to decide on the roads they want the state grant money used. The State extended the deadline for grant applications until July 29. Mr. Cooley said he has a list of 27 roads – 9 in each commissioner's district.

Minutes – a motion was made by Eric Roberts to approve the minutes of the previous meeting and a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Wilson. Motion carried.

Claims – a motion was made by Tom Wilson to approve the claims as submitted and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Roberts. Motion carried.

Clerks Report – a motion was made by Tom Wilson to acknowledge receipt of the clerk's report and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Linkel. Motion carried.

Security – a motion was made by Tom Wilson to give Treasurer Veronica Voelker Co – Security Administrator to the LOW System as was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Linkel. Motion carried.

Internal Control – discussion was held regarding the dollar amount that the SBOA must be contacted for a possible audit. SBOA recommended a \$500.00 amount however; President Wilson was in favor of a much lower amount. The Commissioners agreed that a shortage of \$100.00 by a county employee would be referred for investigation and possible prosecution. Final action on the internal Control Ordinance would be at the next meeting.

Court House Security System – Commissioner Roberts stated he has received several bids for adding more security at the courthouse. The new system will allow for remote access by smart phone or the county dispatchers. He also noted he would be going to the Council for another \$14,000.00 which is in addition to the \$7,500.00 already budgeted. Commissioner Roberts stated he would like to continue security upgrades and focus on one building a year and that next year it would be the Government Center.

Library Board – a motion was made by Tom Wilson to appoint Charlene George to the board and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Linkel. Motion carried.

FC Convention, Recreation and Visitor Commission – a motion was made by Tom Wilson to appoint Curtis Ward and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Linkel. Motion carried.

Employee Handbooks – Commissioner Roberts said that the handbooks should be maintained on line and only a few copies be printed. This discussion came up due to the overtime computation is incorrect which caused some employees to be underpaid. Commissioner Linkel stated that the amendments and addendums since the last update are too confusing. No decision was made at this time.

Payroll – a motion was made by Tom Linkel to approve and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Roberts. Motion carried.

Raises – Commissioner Roberts asked the other Commissioners if they should propose raises in the 2017 budget that was due that day in the Auditor's office. Commissioner Linkel noted that there are many issues with employee replacement. No decision was made at this time.

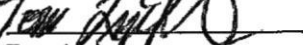
Public Comment – Betty Lecher asked why some township trustees spend more on township taxes paying themselves and their aides than what they spend on township expenses. Whitewater Township Trustee Roy Hall agreed. He stated the trustees get no direction from the state on spending. The trustees rely on the advisory board for decisions. He also stated that the trustees, commissioner and council should cooperate on spending. President Wilson stated that some trustees do not have any extra money.

Adjourn – with no further business a motion to adjourn was made by Tom Linkel and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Wilson. Motion carried.

Others in attendance -Betty Lecher, Mildred Simmermeyer, John and Valeria Darlin, Ted Cooley, James Sprague, Karla Bauman, Veronica Voelker, Sara Duffy, Susan Craig, Doug Foster, Marty Hon and Pam Beneker. The names are spelled as per the sign in sheet.

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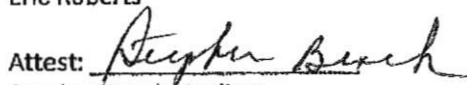
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Attest:

  
Stephen Brack, Auditor

Franklin County Commissioners  
July 5, 2016  
Commissioners/Council Meeting Room 203

Commissioners: Tom Wilson, Tom Linkel and Eric Roberts  
Commissioner Secretary: Carol Wilson  
Auditor: Stephen Brack

Open: The meeting was called to order by President Tom Wilson and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes: There were no minutes of the previous meeting.

Concerns: Discussion was held pertaining to the functioning of the Auditor's office. President Wilson asked about a claim for \$5,000.00 to which the Auditor explained that he had been on vacation and didn't see the claims before the meeting. Mr. Wilson then asked – How do we know the claims are truthful and lawful when these are presented to the Commissioners? The Auditor stated if there would be a problem with a claim the Claims Deputy would bring it to the Auditor's attention which would then be addressed and corrected. Commissioner Linkel stated that they had received an email from the County Treasurer, Veronica Voelker, stating she had offered to help while the auditor was out and the girls in the office declined her help. The auditor stated he had not seen the email which Linkel showed him. The auditor stated that he would be in contact with the Treasurer the next day, as she was out sick, to get the EFT's and other items corrected. President Wilson continued by saying that he doesn't know how the county can function with the turmoil and asked the Auditor what plans were being made to take care of the items. Included in the turmoil was the fact that the PT Deputy had quit and while on vacation the 1<sup>st</sup> Deputy sent her resignation which was effective immediately. Plans were to hire a new person and LOW would be sending personnel to help get the training done that is needed. President Wilson stated that if problems were not resolved by the next meeting, July 18 he would expect the Auditor to resign.

Claims: A motion was made by Tom Linkel to approve claims and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Roberts. Motion carried.

Payroll: A motion was made by Tom Linkel to approve and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Roberts. Motion carried.

Franklin County Highway – Ted Cooley: presented his updated. Discussion was held concerning the final design for Wolf Creek Bridge #139. Commissioner Roberts was still at the beginning regarding the length of the bridge and cost. The same question was asked again – Does the county have enough money for additional bridge projects. The county has already committed to the 20% match money that is required for two federal projects that will cost several million dollars. A motion was made by Tom Linkel to accept the new bridge plan and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Wilson. Commissioner Roberts stated the two commissioners were making plans as if the county would automatically receive the 50 – 50 grant from the state for the new Wolf Creek Bridge. The grants will not be announced until late August. It was also stated by Commissioner Roberts that the county would be applying for \$1.6 million in 50-50 state grants and the county only has \$800,000.00 available within one year. The county will have to pay all of the \$1.6 million and then wait to be reimbursed 50% by the state. Commissioner Wilson said the county has more than one year to spend the money. Mr. Cooley reported that the county could only use money from certain sources such as: local road and street, cumulative bridge or a motor vehicle highway fund.



It was agreed that Commissioner Linkel and Ted Cooley would meet with Councilman Daryl Kramer to discuss funding before the special council meeting on July 12. Mr. Cooley will present a 5 year plan asked by Mr. Kramer. Commissioner Roberts then voted in favor of the motion as the design did not change the road curvature and result in a cost overrun.

Mr. Cooley then reported that the Pavement Study didn't look good and the prediction is the county will not have enough money to maintain the roads over the next 5 years. President Wilson looked over the map and said that almost all of roads are red in District 1; RED would indicate the most serious deterioration. Commissioner Roberts has his plan and he explained in the past District 1 roads have too much blading of the surface without final chip and seal work. The cost to bring RED roads back is a lot. He proposed to spending money on YELLOW roads so they would not deteriorate faster. He said the focus should be on fixing long, highly traveled YELLOW roads which would have a cost of \$15,000 per mile rather than spending from \$30,000 to \$40,000 to fix at a later time. Mr. Cooley warned the commissioners that the state may not reimburse the county if they don't follow the study. Commissioner Linkel stated the state would allow the county to decide how best to repair the roads. Shawn Strange of First Group Engineering would be at the July 18 meeting to discuss the study.

ADA: Mr. Cooley reported that a recent federal highway project meeting the state said the county must fix two dozen deficiencies of non-compliance with the ADA Act. Also the county was at fault for not complying with the TITLE VI antidiscrimination requirements. Mr. Cooley did mention the lack of handicapped accessible curb ramps in Metamora and New Trenton and also lack of training program and missing required information the county website. Commissioner Linkel asked Mr. Cooley to focus on making minor repairs and the upcoming 50-50 state grant. President Wilson also noted that the county is providing an employee with lactation support in compliance with ADA.

Ordinance 2016-21 and 2016-22: A motion was made by Eric Roberts to approve and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Linkel. Motion carried.

Cameras in Court House: a motion was made by Eric Roberts to award Communications Electronics of Connersville at \$8,435.98 for 10 cameras and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Linkel. Motion carried.

Duress Buttons: A motion was made by Eric Roberts to accept the Centurion bid for 10 Button Duress and License for 24 registered PC at a cost of \$12,225.59 and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Linkel. Motion carried.

Fr. Co. Security Center: Tom Wilson made a motion to allow Eric Roberts to do what is necessary to repair or replace AC at the Security Center and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Linkel. Motion carried.

ETC Agreements: A motion was made by Tom Linkel to accept monthly agreements for phone and internet service as follows: Highway Department - \$159.95, Sheriff Department - \$449.95 and the Government Center - \$ 1702.95 and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Roberts. Motion carried.

Comments: Wayne Monroe approached the Commissioners regarding the Nativity Scene on the Court House Lawn; November Noel will have to find another location. President Wilson asked John Worth to provide direction so the county will not have another law suit for having the Nativity Scene on the lawn.

Adjourn: With no further business coming before the meeting a motion was made by Tom Wilson to adjourn and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Linkel. Motion carried.



Others in Attendance: Betty Lecher, Sara Duffy, John Estridge, Tim George, Ted Cooley, Pam Beneker and Wayne Monroe. The names are spelled correctly per the sign in sheet.

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Attest:

Stephen Brack  
Stephen Brack, Auditor

Franklin County Commissioners  
July 18, 2016  
Commissioners/Council Meeting Room 203

Commissioners: Tom Wilson, Tom Linkel and Eric Roberts  
Commissioners Secretary: Carol Westerman  
Auditor: Stephen Brack

Open: The meeting was called to order by President Tom Wilson and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Wilson then asked for a moment of silence for those officers who have lost their lives and in the violence's that have occurred and the safety for the men and women who have the job of protecting our lives.

Petition to Vacate Alley: Tammy Davis, Attorney for Michael Rose, asks for petition to vacate a portion of the north end of Street Car Road. Attorney Davis has advertised the request and also spoke with Co. Surveyor Joe Gillespie. Following the discussion a motion was made by Tom Linkel to grant the request and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Wilson. Motion carried.

BARC: Dr. Jere Schoettmer spoke about the Batesville Area Resource Center and stated that she was not here to ask for money but wanted the Commissioners support in pursuing any Federal Grants. She also noted that the Commissioners would not be liable and the center is working with Susan Craig of SEIRPC. A motion was made by Tom Wilson to help support and sponsor BARC and a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Linkel. Motion carried.

Minutes: A motion was made by Tom Wilson to approve the minutes of June 20 and July 5 and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Roberts. Motion carried.

VSO/Clerk: A motion was made by Tom Wilson to acknowledge the June reports of both the VSO and the Clerk and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Linkel. Motion carried.

Claims: A motion was made by Tom Linkel to approve claims and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Roberts. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2016-23: A motion was made by Tom Wilson to approve Ordinance 2016-23 for Minimum Internal Control Standards and Procedures and establishing the Materiality Threshold of \$100.00 and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Linkel. Motion carried.

Franklin County Highway – Ted Cooley: gave his weekly update. It is noted that the Community Crossings Grant application is due by July 29, 2016. Bridge 139 replacement project – Wolf Creek Road pre bid site meeting would be the next 2 Wednesdays at 1:00PM and the bids are due Friday, July 29 at 3:00PM and presented to the Commissioners Aug. 1<sup>st</sup>. Paser Study: Mr. Cooley gave the Commissioners a summary of the 150 page final report. The Commissioners criticized the report. Commissioner Roberts pointed to an error in Blue Creek Bridge. The map they were given was extremely small that only could see the color coded status of the roads. Commissioner Wilson was concerned as to how Mr. Strange could determine the ratings. The road rating for all Franklin County roads is 5.36 out of 10. He also disagreed with which roads are major connector roads: St. Mary's, St. Peters, Blue Creek, Fairfield

Causeway, Vanetta, Buena Vista and Hamburg. These would be roads that would receive grant money as they have a higher traffic count. Commissioner Wilson stated that Vanetta Road is not a major connector. Commissioner Wilson stated that he knows which roads in his district need repair and he would prefer to apply for grant funding on his own observation. Mr. Cooley agreed to apply for the funding that Mr. Wilson wanted. Commissioner Roberts stated that we must go by the Paser Study. He stated that we need to adjust the repair list to that of the study. Mr. Cooley noted that the county's application much match the pavement study if the county wants to be successful in getting the money. Commissioner Roberts noted plans for Liberty Pike and Drewersburg roads. The Commissioners will ask Mr. Strange to attend the next meeting.

Old equipment – Auction: discussion was held concerning old equipment as to how to dispose of such as an auction or just by advertising. The Commissioners Secretary was to send a notice to all departments to see if they would have old equipment to dispose of.

Payroll: Commissioner Roberts had several questions regarding payroll. First was why a new employee would be receiving pay for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July? Second – why did an employee who quit in mid-June was paid for the July 4 holiday. Mr. Roberts stated that as long as an employee remains on the payroll, he or she would be a liability to the county and could in essence apply for a workman's comp. claim. Commissioner Linkel noted that they deserved the holiday pay. Commissioner Wilson stated that some get paid out and some don't. He said that no one would be hired until the former employee has collected their unused vacation pay. Commissioner Roberts stated that the employee can still soak the county for another month of insurance and another holiday. Third was the fact that the employee exit form was not completed nor was it sent to the auditor or Commissioner Secretary so they would know the person is no longer employed. Fourth Commissioner Roberts debated with Commissioner Linkel about what is meant by separation date. Is it the last day they worked or when they got their final paycheck? Commissioner Roberts wants to pay the person on their last day. Fifth: Commissioner Roberts wants the employee to sign an exit form when they and quit and that could simply save the county money for possible unemployment claims. Commissioner Wilson agreed to consider a policy change as long as the new employee was not hired until after the former employee received their last check. Also Commissioner Roberts alerted the Auditor that a part-time jailer has been hired full-time and overtime should be computed as appropriate. Following the discussion a motion was made by Eric Roberts to approve payroll and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Linkel. Motion carried.

Vote Centers: President Wilson read a portion of a letter from the Franklin County Election Board stating that they were in the process of transforming into a vote center county. These vote centers would allow residents the option to vote at any center location, unhindered by their specific home address and former polling place. The Board also asks that one Commissioner be appointed to the committee to help with the study. Their goal is to convert to the Vote Center by the 2018 Primary Election with the latest being 2020. A motion was made by Tom Linkel to appoint Eric Roberts and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Wilson. Motion carried.

Zimmer Tractor: a discussion was held concerning the need for a new side mower. The tractor that is used is in good shape but not the mower. It is noted that all 3 districts would have the same type of equipment. The bid from Zimmer is \$23,495.00 and Commissioner Roberts stated that for the record the bids from last April were from \$25,000 to \$29,000 so this is a competitive bid. A motion was made by Tom Linkel to approve and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Wilson. Motion carried.

Comments: John Estridge asked what the estimate of Wolf Creek Bridge is and as told \$260,000.00. He also asked President Wilson about the Auditor's office. President Wilson remarked that he spoke with Veronica Voelker, Treasurer and the EFT'S were caught up, a new Deputy has been hired and LOW is in the process of training.

Adjourn: With no further business being discussed a motion to adjourn was made by Tom Wilson and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Linkel. Motion carried.

Others in attendance: Betty Lecher, Mildred Simmermeyer, Heldi Reuss, Ray Lovins, Sara Duffy, John Estridge, Michael Rose, Tim George, Ted Cooley, Jere Schoettmer, James Sprague, Tammy Davis. The names are spelled correctly per sign in sheet.

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Attest:

Stephen Brack  
Stephen Brack, Auditor

Franklin County Commissioners  
July 25, 2016  
Commissioners/Council Meeting Room 203

Commissioners: Tom Wilson, Tom Linkel and Eric Roberts  
Commissioners Secretary: Carol Westerman  
Auditor: Stephen Brack

**Open:** The meeting was called to order by President Tom Wilson and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Josh Philpot:** Approached the commissioners regarding a porch roof addition. A motion was made by Tom Wilson to approve and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Linkel. Motion carried.

**Minutes:** A motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting was made by Tom Linkel and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Roberts. Motion carried.

**Clerks Report:** A motion was made by Tom Wilson to acknowledge receipt of the Clerk's report and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Roberts. Motion carried.

**Ordinance 2016-24:** A motion was made by Tom Linkel to approve the Ordinance 2016-24 - Amend the Franklin County Citizens Zoning Code – regarding all above ground swimming pools 48 inches or higher- and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Wilson. Motion carried.

**Unkempt/Unsafe Ordinance – John Worth** noted that there would be a sample of the ordinance within the next 2 weeks. He also acknowledged receipt of letter from the Auditor asking for information regarding the recent audit by State Board of Accounts.

**Franklin County Highway Engineer-Ted Cooley:** presented his update. It is noted the application for the Community Crossing Grant is due July 29, 2016. There was discussion regarding the functional classification map and what roads – 9 in each district – should be taken care of if the county is awarded money from the grant... Also Commissioner Linkel stated that INDOT doesn't have enough time and/or manpower regarding the award money. Mr. Cooley reported that he has spoken with the property owner on the replacement of Bridge 139 and agreement is reached. There is a pre-bid site meeting Wednesday and bids are due July 29 at 3:00PM. The bids will be presented at the Aug. 1 Commissioners meeting. Council Kramer stated there is no problem with the cash flow of money from the grant. He stated that the \$600,000 be done quickly, \$200,000 from Rainy Day may take a month and \$200,000 from Cum Bridge might take 2 months. The money from Rainy Day – Special Fund can't be mixed with the Regular Rainy Day fund. Mr. Cooley was asked if one Engineer Study can be for everything or is it specific. Mr. Cooley will verify and report back.

**SIEOC –** serves Dearborn, Franklin, Ohio, Ripley and Switzerland Counties and an appointment of a representative to serve on the board is to be made by the Commissioners. Currently Tom Cooney is the appointee. A motion was made by Tom Linkel to reappoint Mr. Cooney and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Roberts. Motion carried.

**Adjourn:** with no further business a motion was made by Tom Willson to adjourn and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Roberts. Motion carried.

Others in attendance: Betty Lecher, Mildred Simmermeyer, Daryl Kramer, Josh Philpot and Ted Cooley.

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Stephen Brack, Auditor

Franklin County Commissioners  
August 1, 2016  
Commissioners/Council Meeting Room 203

Commissioners: Tom Wilson, Tom Linkel and Eric Roberts  
Commissioners Secretary: Carol Westerman  
Auditor: Stephen Brack

Open: The meeting was called to order by President Tom Wilson and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes: A motion was made by Tom Linkel to approve the minutes of the previous meeting and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Roberts. Motion carried.

Claims: A motion was made by Tom Linkel to approve claims and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Roberts. Motion carried.

Information: Tom Linkel reported he had discussed with the Auditor's Office that the wages for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Garage Mechanic were approved at the Council Meeting on July 26 and the new wages would begin on the next payroll. Also he has intention of hiring a mechanic this week and if the other Commissioners would like any input they could stop at the Highway Dept to review applications. Otherwise, he was moving forward. Eric Roberts reported that he had interviewed a person for the Truck Driver position on Saturday. Commissioner Linkel also noted that he had an application on file for a mechanic; however, the applicant has a handicap child and if hired wouldn't be able to begin work until 8:00AM and would this mean an amendment to the handbook.

Council President – Becky Oglesby: came to discuss the Lew Wallace Park and asked if this something that the Park Dept. could take care of as they have a fairly healthy budget as opposed to taking the money from CUM CAP. The Council had denied a transfer request at their last meeting. The council is not opposed to the clean up just that it is a lot of money per the bid. Also she asked if there were any other bids and was told there was one other but it didn't include removal of the trees. It was agreed that the tree removal needed to be done by a professional due to possibility of electric lines, the way the tree may fall, etc. Also the wood from the trees could be used to sell at the Park for fire wood. Commissioner Wilson was concerned if the Park had enough manpower to take care of this area. Commissioner Roberts indicated this needs to be done regardless of where the money comes from. This is a capital improvement and it is our property. It was stated that Mr. Jobe had discussed this with the Commissioner Wilson and there might be a possibility of a group to take care of this area after the cleanup is completed. Commissioner Wilson was concerned that other items on the Council agenda had been tabled to another meeting. President Oglesby told him he would need to discuss this with the Council Members who made the request. Commissioner Linkel stated that the Commissioners take a beating every month from the Council. Commissioner Wilson stated the request for inventory information should have been made at a Commissioner meeting. The Sheriff has an updated monthly inventory and that Carol Westerman has inventory for insurance purposes. Commissioner Roberts stated that Hollie and Beverly were working on the highway information.

Franklin County Highway – Ted Cooley: stated that he had completed the Community Crossing Grant information by the deadline which includes 9 bridges and 21 roads. The award date would be at the end of August. He gave the Commissioners a tally sheet showing his information. Bridge 139 – start date



would be in September and would take approximately 120 days. The Commissioners asked if any school buses crossed this bridge and Mr. Cooley stated he would check with the school. 6<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge – this is slated for either January or February 2018.

Payroll: a motion was made by Tom Wilson to approve and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Roberts. Motion carried.

Unkempt/Unsafe Ordinance: John Worth is still working on this.

John Estridge: asked if anyone had concerns or questions regarding either himself or the Commissioners they should talk to him directly or he would be contacting his attorney.

Adjourn: with no further business coming before the meeting a motion was made by Tom Wilson to adjourn and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Linkel. Motion carried.

Others in attendance: Betty Lecher, Mildred Simmermeyer, Sara Duffy, James Sprague, Ted Cooley, Becky Oglesby and Melanie Douglas. The names are spelled correctly per the sign in sheet.

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Attest:

Stephen Brack  
Stephen Brack, Auditor

Franklin County Commissioners  
August 15, 2016  
Commissioners/Council Meeting Room 203

Commissioners: Tom Wilson, Tom Linkel and Eric Roberts  
Commissioners Secretary: Carol Westerman  
Auditor: Stephen Brack

Open: The meeting was called to order by President Tom Wilson and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Eldon Pitts: requested permission to close Main Street in Metamora, from Basin to Columbia from 2:00PM to 8:00PM on Sunday, Aug. 21, 2016 to film some scenes for an independent commercial film- "Catherine: The Movie." A motion was made by Tom Linkel to give approval and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Roberts. Motion carried.

Minutes: A motion was made by Tom Linkel to approve minutes of the previous meeting and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Roberts. Motion carried.

Claims: A motion was made by Tom Linkel to approve claims and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Roberts. Motion carried.

Clerks, VSO and Treasurer: A motion was made by Tom Linkel to acknowledge receipt of these reports and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by

Franklin County Highway – Ted Cooley: Opened bid for Bridge #139 Replacement Project. Mr. Cooley noted that only one bid had been received. He stated that he sent out over 20 bids and he had been asked by an Ohio firm asking to get information earlier in order to be able to schedule projects. The only bid was from Copperhead – Fred Layton in the amount of \$62,125.85. A motion was made by Tom Linkel to take this under advisement until the next meeting, Aug. 29 in order to review and this would be after the Aug. 23 Council meeting as council hasn't approved the funding and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Roberts. Motion carried. Bridge #31 – Replacement Project – North Hamburg Road – Mr. Cooley stated this is the most expensive bridge and they may just want to replace the deck, which is something to think about. This bridge was also not included in the 5 year plan and construction would not commence until July 2021. Discussion to continue at the Aug. 29<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Road Maintenance: There is a 35-unit development called Elkhorn Estates that has been in existence for several years and there are currently 21 unsold lots. The commissioners were discussing the ongoing deterioration road issues and defective cracking due to poor drainage. Commissioner Wilson asked when people are going to get the message that the count is not taking over the road. Commissioner Roberts stated he had remembered that Elkhorn Estates tried several years ago to get the road to hold. The Commissioners all agreed that the county has no intention of maintain the roads in this development. Mr. Cooley said he would contact the developer.

Betty Lecher: appeared before commissioners inquiring to Mr. Wilson as to why he approved giving new highway employees the benefit of earning 1 sick day after 52 days of work, when the handbook specifically states the county employees that for 40 hours a week, earn 56 sick hours after one year of work. Mr. Wilson stated that is how the Auditor's Office and Commissioners have always done it? Commissioner Linkel stated the hand book would be corrected. Mrs. Lecher asked why correct it as opposed to just follow what the handbook states. Mr. Wilson stated that it was up to the commissioners. Mrs. Lecher remarked to Mr. Wilson that his attitude that nobody has a right to speak really bothers her. Commissioner Linkel discussed the hiring of a new highway employee and the fact that he can't be at work at the regularly scheduled time as some flexibility is needed. Mr. Linkel stated this employee is a good employee and he would hate to lose him if his request could not be accommodated. After referring to the handbook the hours are subject to change per the commissioners; therefore, the work time can be adjusted.

Ordinance 2016-25: A motion was made by Tom Wilson to approve the amendment for correction of wording in Section 880.02.E. Citizens Guide and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Linkel. Motion carried. Mr. Linkel would also like them to bring back the whole page of the document for review.

Unkempt/Unsafe Ordinance – Mr. Worth stated this would be brought back to the Aug. 29 Commissioner meeting.

Wayne Monroe: appeared before the Commissioners seeking their individual support of the Nativity Scene and he would be placing donation buckets around town at various businesses trying to raise \$6,500.00 to purchase a new set as the town, owns the original set and would not approve releasing the set. Each commissioner signed a statement of support. Commissioner Wilson stated he would give the first \$100.00. Mr. Monroe is working with local banks to setup accounts for donations and is to come back to the Commissioners to inform them of the account setup.

Payroll: Commissioner Roberts questioned SAC overtime and asked this be verified due to overtime and time and half. Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve payroll and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Linkel. Motion carried.

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Franklin County Commissioners  
August 29, 2016  
Commissioners/Council Meeting Room 203

Commissioners: Tom Wilson, Tom Linkel and Eric Roberts  
Commissioners Secretary: Carol Westerman  
Auditor: Stephen Brack

Open: The meeting was called to order by President Tom Wilson and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes: A motion was made by Tom Linkel to approve the minutes of the previous meeting and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Roberts. Motion carried.

Claims: A motion was made by Tom Linkel to approve claims and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Roberts. Motion carried.

Unkempt/Unsafe Ordinance: Mr. Worth is still working on this and at this time no action is taken.

Franklin County Highway – Ted Cooley: Presented his weekly update: A motion was made by Eric Roberts to sign Supplemental Agreement for Bridge 144 and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Linkel. Motion carried. Mr. Cooley asked for permission to place ADA Disability Awareness brochures in the offices with public counters. Commissioner Roberts noted that all employees should read these brochures and sign a statement that they have done so. Bridge 31 – North Hamburg Road – Mr. Cooley stated he would be getting quotes from 3 consultants for assistance. Commissioner Linkel suggested that at least one Commissioner along with Mr. Cooley and Consultants visit the site. Mr. Cooley asked Kevin Loiselle for a second opinion as a beam is slipping and may require closing of one lane in the next two to four years. Commissioner Roberts asked Mr. Cooley to be read to bid this project early in 2017 so that repairs can be made in the summer of 2017. Bridge 139 – Wolf Creek – it was stated that at the Council meeting on Aug. 23, 2016 funding was approved for the construction and property agreement and Copperhead Excavation was the only bidder. A motion was made by Tom Wilson to award the bid at \$62,125.00 and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Linkel. Motion carried. Work

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is to begin the week of Sept. 26 and Mr. Layton has subcontracted to split the work due to Mr. Layton's work schedule. Community Crossing Matching Grant: Officials will make the presentation of the award at 10:00 on Friday, Sept. 2, 2016. Councilman Kramer spoke about the project and noted that we need to coordinate the spending of the Grant and committee of Commissioner Roberts, the County Auditor, Highway Engineer Cooley, Highway Secretary and 3 Road Foreman and Jeff Koch and Aaron Leffingwell from County Council. Mr. Kramer also stated that a separate line be added for each project. The County also needs to spend the money before any reimbursements are made. It was suggested that we complete a project and get paperwork submitted to see how long it takes to get the reimbursement. It is the understanding there should be a 30 day turnaround. Commissioner Roberts suggested that a work sheet for specific projects be done for each district.

Employee Handbook: Commissioner Linkel presented 2 ordinances for the Standard/Highway handbook and that of the Sheriff/Jail&911 regarding time and a half for sick and vacation days. A motion to approve Ordinance 2016-26 was made by Tom Linkel and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Wilson. Motion carried. Commissioner Roberts was opposed. A motion was made by Tom Linkel to approve Ordinance 2016-27 and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Wilson. Motion carried. Commissioner Roberts was opposed.

United Way: A motion was made by Tom Wilson to give approval for United Way to visit county offices to solicit for donations and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Linkel. Motion carried. This will not be payroll deducted.

Councilman Daryl Kramer: came before the commissioners to ask them to reverse a decision which was made in June 2016 and the consequences which allows more access to the LOW computer system. In June, Treasurer Veronica Voelker stated that she could not do her job with limited access. After a 2 week period the commissioners voted to add Treasurer Voelker and Auditor Steve Brack as Co-Administrator for the LOW system. Councilman Kramer stated the Auditor should control only the financial records and the Treasurer only the fund records. They should be able to view but not change records in the each other's departments and only the payroll deputy should have access to employee information such as social security numbers. Commissioner Wilson stated that the commissioners and departments should be able to view information in LOW

by not make changes. Mr. Kramer noted that departments should view only their own data to avoid accidental errors. If at any time the books do not balance it should immediately be brought to the commissioner's attention. At this time no decision was made for changing access to the LOW SYSTEM.

Payroll: A motion was made by Eric Roberts to approve payroll and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Linkel. Motion carried. Commissioner Roberts stated that the Small Animal Control officer time sheet showed 37 hours straight time and 29.5 hours of overtime for two weeks. Commissioner Wilson said the time sheet should be corrected. The time sheets should also be submitted every pay period.

*Semi -* Public Comments: Mrs. Simmermeyer mentioned that the county pays \$29,630 annually and asked Auditor Brack how much was paid to LOW for coming to his office to train the new 1<sup>st</sup> Deputy. Auditor Brack stated that we have so much approved for support and training that are included in the contract and there was no extra charge during this time. Mrs. Simmermeyer also objected to the change in the county's overtime policy and the way the commissioners handled it. Commissioner Linkel said he previously talked about bringing up an important change but not voting on it until the following meeting. Mrs. Simmermeyer also asked why the Handbook Committee did not handle the change. Commissioner Linkel said he did send an email to other departments before make the change and there were no objections.

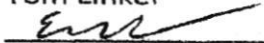
Meeting - Water for Residents: Attorney Worth stated that Lt. Governor Holcomb's staff will be coming to Franklin County to hold a public meeting about residents without access to water from a public utility company. No date and time have been set at this time.

Others in attendance: Betty Lecher, Mildred Simmermeyer, James Sprague, Ted Cooley, Brent Roberts, Sara Duffy, Bill Hale and Marty Han. The names are spelled correctly per the sign in sheet.

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Franklin County Commissioners  
September 6, 2016  
Commissioners/Council Meeting Room 203

Commissioners: Tom Wilson, Tom Linkel and Eric Roberts  
Commissioners Secretary: Carol Westerman  
Auditor: Stephen Brack

Open: The meeting was called to order by President Tom Wilson and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes: A motion was made by Tom Linkel to approve minutes with a correction in the public comments where Mrs. Simmermeyer commented the county pays LOW \$29,630 annually which should be Semi-Annual and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Roberts. Motion carried.

Franklin County Surveyor – Joe Gillespie: (Drainage Board): came on behalf of Jeff Myers, Representative of Barbara Myers Trust, regarding drainage tile outlet and the drainage area that possibly runs through 4 additional properties. Mr. Gillespie noted that the tile is dated and overloaded and needs to be updated. The request is to make this a legal drain. The Commissioners set a Drainage Board meeting for October 24, 2016 at 10:00AM. Mr. Gillespie will notify all landowners. Commissioner Roberts asked Mr. Gillespie if any Wet Land laws would be violated. Mr. Gillespie said he didn't think there would be any problems. Mr. Gillespie also asked about the easement of lot 39 in the Town of Brookville, which is where his private business is located. A motion was made by Tom Linkel to approve the easement and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Wilson. Motion carried.

Franklin County Highway – Ted Cooley: a discussion was held concerning quotes of possible truckers needed for hauling when doing work through the Community Crossing Grant. At this time considering an 8 hour day there is only about 17 days of trucking permitted. Commissioner Roberts suggested an additional in the amount of \$50,000.00 be done for additional trucking rental and Paser. Commissioner Roberts also stated that the county can't spend more than half of the money this fall. Bridge 139: Mr. Cooley provided quotes for reinforcing steel as: Byers Steel - \$ 0.47 per pound, Riverfront - \$ 0. 67 per pound and Harris - \$ 0.55.3per pound. A motion was made by Eric Roberts to approve Byers Steel and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Linkel. Motion carried. A notice to proceed with tentative date of Sept. 26 and bridge will be closed from Oct. 10, 2016 until Thanksgiving.

Commissioner Linkel said that he and Councilman Daryl Kramer met with Veronica Voelker, Co. Treasurer and said they feel at this time there are no security issues. Commissioner Linkel also stated he is working the Auditor as well and if he felt there were any questions he would come back and report.

Bovine Testing: Councilman Daryl Kramer said he had emailed the Commissioners regarding info received from Gary Hanes and he assumed everything was OK as he didn't receive a response from them. Mr. Kramer stated that there are 295 cattle herds being tested and the fact that there is only \$12,000.00 budgeted. Mr. Hanes stated in the letter that the cost for the county this year would be \$91,280.00; therefore Mr. Kramer was suggesting there is a need for an additional and a transfer is done to be able to meet the obligation. There is also testing on deer. There is approximately 2500 head of deer in Franklin, Fayette and Dearborn counties.

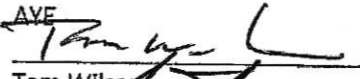
Public Comment: Shannon Meyer approached the Commissioner regarding the clean-up of Wallace Park. She stated that she has a group of Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts along with their parents that are willing to bring their own equipment to do the work. The question she has is there a time line to get this done. Commissioner Roberts stated he would prepare a form for all signatures of volunteers stating the County would not be liable. Mrs. Meyer stated they do have their own insurance. The Commissioners were appreciative and stated that they would take care of removal of the tree.

Sara Duffy had a few questions of the commissioners: Harvey Branch would traffic still be able to use the road; 8 Bridges closed for one week – the response is that the bridges would not all be closed at the same time; Bovine testing – would any local veterinarians be used – the response is yes and they would need to sign a contract with the state; easement on lot 39 – this would be Joe Gillespie's private office area.


Adjourn: with no further business coming before the meeting a motion to adjourn was made by Tom Wilson and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Linkel. Motion carried.

Others in attendance: Betty Lecher, Mildred Simmermeyer, Sara Duffy, Matt Snyder, Ted Cooley, Shannon Meyer and Daryl Kramer. The names are spelled correctly per sign in sheet.

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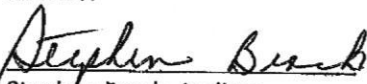
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Franklin County Commissioners  
September 12, 2016  
Commissioners/Council Meeting Room 203

Commissioners: Tom Wilson, Tom Linkel and Eric Roberts  
Commissioners Secretary: Carol Westerman  
Auditor: Stephen Brack

Open: The meeting was called to order by President Tom Wilson and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes: A motion was made by Tom Linkel to approve the minutes of the previous meeting and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Roberts. Motion carried.

Claims: A motion to approve claims was made by Tom Linkel and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Roberts. Motion carried.

Treasurer and VSO reports: A motion was made by Tom Wilson to acknowledge receipt of both the Treasurer and Veterans Service Officer reports and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Linkel. Motion carried.

BOAH Contract: A motion was made by Tom Wilson to sign the Board of Animal Health Contract in the amount of \$91,280.00 and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Linkel. Motion carried.

Metamora Canal Days: A motion was made by Tom Wilson to close streets in Metamora for the Annual Canal Days, October 8 and 9 and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Linkel. Motion carried.

Unkempt/Unsafe Ordinance: No report

Boy Scouts/Girl Scouts: John Worth advised the Commissioners to go ahead and sign the waiver for the Scouts who will be cleaning up Wallace Park.

CCMG: Discussion was held regarding the Community Crossing Matching Grant money. Commissioner Roberts stated "need to spend more money." He said this will be the only time you will hear me say that. He suggested the commissioners each come up with another project in the respective districts so we would be spending approximately \$518,000.00 which is about half of the grant money: \$194,000.00, \$170,000.00 and \$154,000.00.

Flooding areas: most of the roads have been open from the recent flooding. However; Richland Creek Road and River Road are closed indefinitely. There were different estimates of how much rain the county received during the recent storms. Estimates were from 4 ½ to 6 ½ inches. It is estimated that there was about \$500,000.00 damage to roads. It was discussed that it might be a possibility to subcontract the repair work. Also FEMA is going to be checking out the areas as well.

Franklin County Highway Engineer – Ted Cooley: Ted reported that he has received the bond and insurance papers from Copperhead to begin Bridge 139 replacement project. The Commissioners had already approved the bid at a previous meeting and signed the contract today. There is a meeting in Seymour regarding the CCMG money and Eric, Ted and Hollie will be attending and will report back there findings at the next meeting.



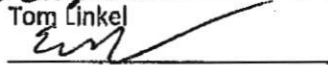
FC Disaster Emergency Declaration: This declaration only applies to the county and any individuals that have suffered a loss should contact EMA. A motion was made by Tom Linkel to sign the Declaration and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Roberts. Motion carried.

Payroll: A motion was made by Tom Linkel to approve payroll and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Wilson. Motion carried.

Roof report: Commissioner Roberts reported that we have received some positive feedback from our Insurance Carrier on the recent damage to the roof at the Government Center.

Adjourn: With no further business being discussed a motion was made by Tom Wilson to adjourn and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Roberts. Motion carried.

Others in attendance: Sara Duffy, Mark and Millie Simmermeyer, John Worth, John Estridge. The names are spelled correctly per the sign in sheet.

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Stephen Brack, Auditor

Franklin County Commissioners  
September 26, 2016  
Commissioners/Council Meeting Room 203

Commissioners: Tom Wilson, Tom Linkel and Eric Roberts  
Commissioners Secretary: Carol Westerman  
Auditor: Stephen Brack

Open: The meeting was called to order by President Tom Wilson and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Thank You: President Wilson offered a Thank You to Shannon Meyer and the Boy Scouts – Troup 408 and Girl Scouts Troops 01652, 01672 and 20248 for an excellent job in cleaning up Wallace Park. The young folks along with 8 adult supervisors spent Sunday, September 25 weeding, trimming hedges, removal of small volunteer trees, dead rose bush, dead shrub, cutting low hanging branches of trees and dead heading flowering shrubs. Between the adults and the scouts approximately 40 hours were put in cleaning up the park.

Minutes: A motion was made by Tom Linkel to approve minutes of the previous meeting and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Roberts. Motion carried.

Claims: A motion was made by Tom Linkel to approve claims and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Roberts.

Franklin County Highway Engineer – Ted Cooley: presented his update which includes: Bridge 31, deck replacement project and the bridge will be closed Oct. 5; the flood disaster of Sept. 8 and 9 – Culvert BR1004 River Road and Culvert BR 1006 Richland Creek also the debris on Big Cedar is terrible. Commissioner Linkel is wanting to go to Council to see what they are willing to spend on cleanup and not just a temporary fix; Bridge 139 Replacement Project with reinforcing steel and bridge arriving the week of Oct. 3 and the bridge is to be removed Oct. 5 and concrete formwork beginning Oct. 10; CCMG – a report was given on the meeting with INDOT at Seymour.

Pitney Bowes Postage Machine Lease: Franklin County Clerk was asking for a 60 month lease and was tabled until the next meeting - Oct. 3, 2016.

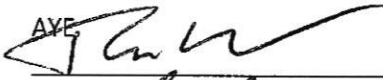
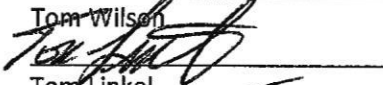
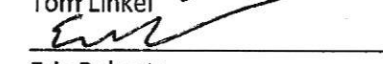
Metamora – Deck approval: A motion was made by Tom Linkel to approve the building permit for an improvement on the residence of Michael Wilson and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Wilson. Motion carried.

Payroll: discussion was held concerning the payroll of the SAC for Ray Halpin. When Mr. Halpin took over helping with this he was paid at his rate of pay for Transfer Station which is higher than that of SAC. A motion was made by Tom Linkel to pay Mr. Halpin the pay rate for Transfer Station while doing the SAC work this pay period and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Wilson. Motion carried. An email will be sent to the State Board of Accounts asking for direction on the pay rate. A motion was made by Tom Linkel to approve payroll and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Roberts. Motion carried.

Roof Replacement: Commissioner Roberts asked about accepting sealed bids and advertising with the 2 week notice of opening bids. A motion was made by Eric Roberts to advertise and open sealed bids for the replacement of the roof on the Annex on October 11, 2016 and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Linkel. Motion carried.

Adjourn: A motion was made by Tom Wilson to adjourn and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Linkel. Motion carried.

Others in attendance: Betty Lecher, Mildred Simmermeyer, Ted Cooley and John Estridge. The names are spelled correctly per the sign in sheet.

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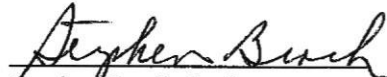
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Franklin County Commissioners  
October 3, 2016  
Commissioners/Council Meeting Room 203

Commissioners: Tom Wilson, Tom Linkel and Eric Roberts  
Commissioners Secretary: Carol Westerman  
Auditor: Stephen Brack

Open: The meeting was called to order by President Tom Wilson and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Letter of Understanding: President Tom Wilson read the Letter of Understanding from INDOT stating that US 52 will be closed from Oct. 4, 2016 to Oct. 15, 2016 due to a slide correction approximately 2 miles west of the intersection of SR. 1. A motion was made by Tom Linkel to sign Contract M38337 for the Unofficial Detour - Closure US 52 and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Roberts. Motion carried.

Minutes: A motion was made by Tom Linkel to approve the minutes of the previous meeting and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Roberts. Motion carried.

Clerks Report: A motion was made by Tom Wilson to acknowledge receipt of the Clerks report and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Linkel. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2016-29: A motion was made by Tom Linkel to sign Ordinance 2016-29 - Courthouse Grounds Use. The Ordinance is for the purpose of closing the previously-created designated public forum, all unattended displays by private citizens and events sponsored by private citizens are prohibited to be erected on the grounds and Free Standing, unattended displays and events that are sponsored by the Franklin County Board of Commissioners or other County Officials are permitted as government speech. These displays or events will not constitute the reopening of the designated public forum and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Wilson. Motion carried.

Response Technologies: A motion to approve the contract with Centurion- Response Technologies in the amount of \$12,584.45, which allows one more duress button and one additional PC license, both for software, was made by Eric Roberts and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Linkel. Motion carried.

Additional comments: John Estridge from Whitewater Publications asked the Commissioners to contact INDOT regarding the closure of US 52 to be delayed one week due to Canal Days at Metamora this coming weekend. Sara Duffy asked about additional signage for road closures be posted. Commissioner Linkel will contact INDOT. Due to the flooding that occurred Commissioner Linkel stated he would like to postpone Causeway Bridge for the next one or two years. It should be noted that there is no Federal Monies available for assistance as the damage from flooding is not enough to declare a Disaster Area. There is discussion regarding bank stabilization on Big Cedar and replacement of a pipe on Richland Creek Road along with 2 structures on River Road.

Adjourn: With no further business being discussed a motion was made by Tom Wilson to adjourn and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Roberts. Motion carried.

Other in attendance: Sara Duffy, Betty Lecher, Mildred Simmermeyer, Tim George and John Estridge.



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Franklin County Commissioners  
October 24, 2016  
Commissioners/Council Meeting Room 203

Commissioners: Tom Wilson, Tom Linkel and Eric Roberts  
Commissioners Secretary: Carol Westerman  
Auditor: Stephen Brack

Open: The meeting was called to order by President Tom Wilson and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Drainage Board: A motion was made by Tom Wilson to open the Drainage Board Meeting and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Linkel. Motion carried.

County Surveyor – Joe Gillespie: Mr. Gillespie had 3 items of business for the Drainage Board.

#1. Jeff Myers – Mr. Gillespie stated he had spoken with Mr. Myers regarding a county ditch on his property and they would like to petition to make this a legal drain. The open ditch is very inconvenient to the farmers in the area. Mr. Gillespie had invited 5 landowners to the meeting to give their opinions. There was no decision made and the hearing is to be continued. Mrs. Ramsey spoke up from the audience stating that they took care of a drain on their property at their own expense. Mr. Myers is asking other landowners to help with the expense. The next step is for the Drainage Board to be the administrator. An assessment would be made to all landowners and they would pay on this when they pay their property taxes. A motion was made by Tom Linkel to proceed and to make Jeff Myers ditch a public ditch and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Roberts. Motion carried. Mr. Gillespie will determine the boundaries and approximate cost of new tile.

#2. Don Jones/Jerry Erfman: Mr. Jim Albertz who is a professional Engineer has been hired by Don Jones on a ditch problem involving both Mr. Jones and Mr. Erfman. Mr. Albertz stated he is working on a solution to this problem. In 2014 there was a Commissioner change and Mr. Gillespie wasn't sure if Commissioner Roberts was aware of the problem. Mr. Roberts stated he had been attending the meetings and was aware. It was stated that this ditch problem was an Unintentional Obstruction. Mr. Albertz shared that a solution would be to install a tile 24" in diameter and the elevation is wrong. President Wilson asked Attorney John Worth to check into the legal responsibilities and what the law says the Board needs to do and to report back at the November 7, 2016 meeting. Mr. Albertz stated that he thought this was an Intentional Obstruction. Commissioner Linkel stated that he were Mr. Jones he would want the problem fixed. Mr. Erfman stated as long as he owned the property no construction would be done. Mr. Worth stated that he thought a meeting with all parties needed to be held, which would include about 14 landowners. Commissioner Roberts is concerned about undue harm to the Golf Course.

#3. Area Plan Commission: Last week at the Area Plan meeting several people attending concerning the application, dated October 4, 2016 for Rezoning of property of Mr. and Mrs. Scott Cooper to allow for a Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO). There is a 33 day window from the date of application deadline that IDEM will accept public comment. Mrs. Delores Dobbs stated that everyone within a ½ mile needs to be notified. She stated that they were not against the setup but against the location, stating it just doesn't make sense. This would be an operation of approximately 10,000 hogs and the owners would also be storing manure in a self-contained, below ground, concrete manure storage pit which would provide in excess of 180 days storage. Surveyor Gillespie agreed with Mrs. Dobbs on the

location. Daryl Kramer spoke up as a representative of Farm Bureau and said that IDEM was very restricted and that more time is needed so all sides could present their viewpoints, 2 weeks which would be Nov. 7. Mr. Kramer was firm as he wanted no change to the zoning code. Commissioner Roberts said that the Drainage Board has nothing to address and nothing has been asked or proposed at this time. A letter may be sent after the Nov. 7 meeting. The next step for the Cooper's is to come to Area Plan and ask for a conditional use permit. Mr. Gillespie stated he didn't think this would be approved as it is not permitted use in Residential 1.

Adjourn: A motion was made by Tom Linkel to adjourn the Drainage Board meeting and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Roberts. Motion carried.

#### Commissioners Meeting:

A motion was made by Tom Wilson to open the Commissioners Meeting and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Linkel. Motion carried.

Strohmier Estate: Glen Strohmier didn't show up for the meeting.

Public Transportation – Cathy Pelsor: was present to ask the Commissioners to sign the 2017 Grant. A motion was made by Eric Roberts to authorize President Wilson to sign the Grant and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Linkel. Motion carried.

Property & Liability Insurance: There were 2 quotes on this coverage – Southeastern Insurance and Patriot Insurance. These quotes will be taken under advisement and award at a meeting on Oct. 28 at 10:00AM. It is noted that this doesn't need to be advertised yearly.

Minutes: A motion was made by Tom Linkel to approve the minutes of the previous meeting and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Roberts. Motion carried.

Claims: A motion was made by Tom Linkel to approve and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Roberts. Motion carried.

Clerks Report: A motion was made by Eric Roberts to acknowledge receipt of the Clerk's report and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Linkel. Motion carried.

Highway Bidders – 2017: A discussion was held concerning the list for 2017 and Commissioner Roberts felt the need to breakdown the bids and re-evaluate. He wanted this redefined at the Nov. 7 meeting and open bids on Dec. 5.

Franklin County Highway – Ted Cooley: Mr. Cooley stated he would be attending a meeting in Seymour on Tuesday regarding the CCMG. A list of projects for Sept. 8 and 9 regarding Storm/Flood Disaster. Rockies Express – excavation/road closures and the bond is in place and waiting for signed permit. Road closures of Whistle Creek, Wolf Creek and Indian Creeks may need to be done to inspect the underground high-pressure natural gas pipeline. The roads may be closed 2 to 3 days. FHWA 2021 awards on St. Mary's Road Rehabilitation and St. Mary's and Blue Creek Road Guardrail application project.



Harry Graves: Mr. Graves said he been to the Commissioners regarding the misallocation of funds by the Auditors Office to the Town of Brookville and since there is no proof of the incorporation of the town of Brookville the money should stay with the County and not given to the town. He asked if the Commissioners, as elected officials, agreed that they can be sued as a Corporation. President Wilson said No. Franklin County is a municipality and not a corporation. He asked Attorney Worth to put this in writing. He also would like clarification, writing, the difference of County of Franklin or Franklin County. Mr. Graves asked if the contract with SRI was approved by the Attorney. Mr. Worth stated this is a violation between Attorney and Client privilege and he couldn't discuss. He also asked who approved the SRI contract. He also complained that the Tax Sale is a legal court case and did the Commissioners approve the Auditor to file a law suit. Mr. Graves doesn't think procedures are being followed. MED-BEN: Transitional Reinsurance Program Fees: A motion for President Wilson to sign the paperwork for Med-Ben was made by Eric Roberts and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Linkel. Motion carried.

Millie Simmermeyer: Came back and asked for answers to her questionnaire that was given at the last meeting. Brian DeFossett, Highway foreman said the foremen are responsible for selling scrap metal. They call 3 businesses to get the best price: Integrity Metal, Garden Street and Hillside Recycling. Commissioner Linkel said there is not market for used oil. He commented that he is interested in used oil to heat his shop and possibly some farmers may be interested as well. The state has strict regulation about who may haul used oil. Mr. DeFossett said the highway burned all of its used oil the last 2 years to heat the garage. Mr. Linkel stated the county will develop a protocol for how to dispose of used oil.

Payroll: A motion to approve payroll was made by Eric Roberts and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Linkel. Motion carried.

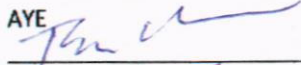
Other business:

Franklin County Highway – Garage Mechanic 1: Commissioner Linkel stated that the mechanics 90 days was nearing and he needed some direction regarding a work schedule. Commissioner Roberts said he thought this mechanic was doing a good job and if he is working less than 40 hours it is OK with him. Commissioner Linkel said he would get with Brian and a work schedule will be made for Kevin.


Adjourn: A motion was made by Tom Wilson to adjourn and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Linkel. Motion carried.

Others in attendance: Betty Lecher, Mildred Simmermeyer, James Murney, Brent Roberts, Roy Harvey, Jr., Jeff Myers, Harold Ramsey, Cathy Pelsor, Paul Moster, Donnie Jones, Donna Ramsey Mathias, Delores Dobbs, Robert Braun, Sara Duffy, Kohlsdorf, Ted Cooley, Jim Albertz, Becky Oglesby, Carolyn Erfman, Jerry Erfman, Tim George, Daryl Kramer, Harry Graves. The names are spelled as per the sign in sheet.

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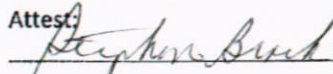
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Attest:

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Franklin County Commissioners  
October 11, 2016  
Commissioners/Council Meeting Room 203

Commissioners: Tom Wilson, Tom Linkel and Eric Roberts  
Commissioners Secretary: Carol Westerman  
Auditor: Stephen Brack

Open: The meeting was called to order by President Tom Wilson and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Open Bids: There were 2 bids for the Annex Roof Repair at the Government Center: Eckstein Roofing in the amount of \$80,492.00 and Kramer and Sons in the amount of \$87,060.00. Mr. Eckstein said that his bid would be good for 30 days and also has a 15 year Labor and Material Warranty. Commissioner Roberts commented he was unsure of the Kramer and Son bid regarding any warranty and how long the bid was good for. A motion was made by Eric Roberts to take the bids under advisement and award at the Nov. 7 Commissioner Meeting and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Linkel. Motion carried. Mr. Eckstein also said as far as a timetable the work should be started in late November and completed before Christmas.

Minutes: A motion was made by Tom Linkel to approve minutes of the previous meeting and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Roberts. Motion carried.

Claims: A motion was made by Tom Linkel to approve claims and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Roberts. Motion carried.

Veterans Report: A motion was made by Eric Roberts to acknowledge receipt of the Veterans Service Officers report and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Linkel. Motion carried.

Quotes – Property and Liability: Commissioner Linkel said that this needs to be advertised and open the bids on Oct. 24, 2016. Commissioner Roberts asked if this had never been advertised. He stated that this needs to be advertised and accept bids up to October 24. Commissioner Roberts recommended a Special Meeting be set for 10:00AM on Friday, October 28, 2016 to award the bid. Paul Moster from Southeastern Insurance was present and had given a bid and was told he could take the bid with him or leave it and then come back to the Special Meeting. Mr. Moster took the bid with him.

Franklin County Highway Engineer – Ted Cooley was unable to attend today's meeting.

Mildred Simmermeyer: had several questions to ask the Commissioners regarding Accountability and Responsibility. She gave the questionnaire to the Commissioners and asked that they respond to her at the October 24, 2016 meeting.

Comments from the Audience: Commissioner Roberts stated he had received a call from Paula White regarding semi-tractor trailer traveling on Holland Road. Sara Duffy noted that the detour sign placement on Highway 52 to I-74 and State Road 1 was still sending people down State Road 1 and it that road is also closed. She also thought possibly a weight limit should also be added and that signage evidently isn't the answer. She thought the signage should start at Highway 46 and that INDOT should help with this. It is also noted that the highway project in New Trenton should be completed in November. Commissioner Linkel stated he had hoped to make an announcement about River Road



being opened on October 11 or October 12 and this would be for cars and pick-up trucks only. Bob O'Bryan asked about November Noel on the Courthouse lawn this year and was told it would not be held there this year.

SAC/TRANSFER: Auditor Brack said he had discussed with State Board of Accounts the rate of pay and noted that the lesser amount of pay to Mr. Halpin until the Salary Ordinance is amended. Commissioner Wilson stated he had discussed this Council President Oglesby and she was going to fix it for him. The Auditor said he was just following up as that is what he was asked to do.


Adjourn: A motion was made by Tom Wilson to adjourn and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Linkel. Motion carried.

Others in attendance: Sara Duffy, Mildred Simmermeyer, Betty Lecher, Tim George, John Estridge, John Worth and Paul Moster. The names are spelled correctly per the sign in sheet.

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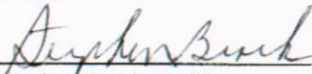
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Franklin County Commissioners  
October 28, 2016  
Commissioners/Council Meeting Room 203  
Special Meeting

Commissioners: Tom Wilson, Tom Linkel and Eric Roberts  
Commissioners Secretary: Carol Westerman  
Auditor: Stephen Brack

Open: The meeting was called to order by President Tom Wilson and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Award Property & Liability Insurance

President Wilson stated the purpose of the meeting was to award the Property and Liability Insurance. There were 2 bids: \$203,686.00-Ryan Hartzler from Patriot Insurance and \$206,039.00-Paul Moster from Southeastern Insurance.

After reviewing the bids President Wilson stated that both bids were very close. Commissioner Linkel made a motion to accept the bid of Ryan Hartzler from Patriot Insurance and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Roberts. Motion carried.

The Commissioners thank both parties for their interest.

Adjourn: A motion was made by Tom Wilson to adjourn and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Roberts. Motion carried.

Others in attendance: Ryan Hartzler, Paul Moster, John Worth and John Estridge. The names are spelled correctly per sign in sheet.

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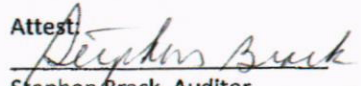
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Franklin County Commissioners  
November 7, 2016  
Commissioners/Council Meeting Room 203

Commissioners: Tom Wilson, Tom Linkel and Eric Roberts  
Commissioners Secretary: Carol Westerman  
Auditor: Stephen Brack

Open: The meeting was called to order by Tom Wilson and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Award Roof Bids: A motion was made by Eric Roberts to award the Roof Repair Bid for the Annex of the Government Center to Eckstein Roofing in the amount of \$80,492.00 and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Linkel. Motion carried.

Tim Putnam – Margaret Mary Urgent Care: Mr. Putnam announced that Margaret Mary Urgent Care took over the Fayette Regional Urgent Care and they are excited to be a part of the community. They will be retaining the staff and offering the same services. Their focus is to learn what needs to be offered in the community. Mr. Putnam introduced Mandy Bolos is the manager of the Care Center. Mandy stated the hours of operation would be: Urgent Care: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday – 8:00AM to 4:30PM, Tuesday – 8:00AM to 6:00PM and Friday – 8:00AM to 2:00PM. The Primary Care hours are; Monday –Friday – 8:00AM to 7:00PM and Saturday – 8:00AM to 3:00PM. Mr. Putnam stated that they don't want Doctor's practicing here if they if they don't want to be here. The center will not be able have a patient stabilized due to heart condition, diabetes etc. as they have to be able to offer ambulance service 24-7 and at this time this service is not available at this time.

Drainage Concerns: Joe Gillespie, Franklin County Surveyor had Attorney John Worth look over the paperwork and Mr. Worth stated that drainage problem is Unintentional. The Commissioners asked again what is the responsibility of the County and the number of landowners that are affected. Mr. Worth stated that he felt there needs to be more meetings with all parties affected to come to a conclusion. Mr. Albertz, on behalf on Don Jones stated again the concern is Intentional Obstruction. The County has an obligation to remove the obstruction. Since this all began 3 years ago there has been property damage to Mr. Jones property. The Commissioners stated that a decision will be made on November 21, 2016. Mr. Erfman asked who would assess the damage to his property and Commissioner Wilson stated who would assess the damage to the property of Mr. Jones. Commissioner Roberts asked Mr. Gillespie if the county is to receive a public assessment does this require a public hearing.

CAFO: Mr. Daryl Kramer came before the Commissioner to address the concern of the manure from this operation on behalf of Franklin County Farm Bureau. Mr. Kramer stated that all of the manure would be contained in the building. Nothing would be outside. The building when constructed will have seal in the building which is state of the art for liquid control. A certified engineer will be on-site at all times during the



construction to make sure it is built correctly. He also stated that Area Plan needs to make a decision from R1 – RE before the Commissioners can make a decision. Commissioner Linkel stated that IDEM will have manure management under control. If the standards are not met it will not happen. The application has been filed with the state and once approved then the county will be contacted. The area will be surveyed by a Soil Scientist. From the audience Mrs. Dobbs stated the concern is the location and not the farming aspect.

Franklin County Engineer – Ted Cooley: presented his weekly update. FHWA FY 2018 – St. Mary's road and bridge 2021. Bridge #144 – A motion was made by Tom Linkel to sign the letter to delay construction until 2020 with the necessary correction made in the letter and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Roberts. Motion carried. John Estridge asked if an amount of damage has been determined for the Unofficial Detour caused from the flooding. At this time there was no information available. It was noted that a citizen has asked if Fiber Optics would be coming to Franklin County and they were told yes but it would be limited.

Minutes: A motion was made by Tom Linkel to approve minutes of Oct. 24 and Oct. 28 and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Roberts. Motion carried.

Claims: A motion was made by Tom Linkel to approve Claims and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Roberts. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report: A motion was made to acknowledge receipt of the reports for September and October by Eric Roberts and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Linkel. Motion carried.

Midwest Data Inc.: A motion was made by Eric Roberts to have Commissioner President Wilson to sign the Support Agreement for the Government Center in the amount of \$4,500.00 per year and the Sheriff's Department of \$3,000.00 and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Linkel. Motion carried.

Cyber Liability Insurance: A motion was made by Tom Linkel to accept the coverage with a \$5,000.00 deductible and the premium of \$6,113.00 and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Roberts. Motion carried.

EMS Contract: Commissioner Wilson informed everyone the EMS Contract was up for renewal as of December 31, 2016. A motion was made by Tom Wilson to renew the contract for \$150,000.00 from January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2019 and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Linkel. Motion carried.

Highway Bids: a letter to bids will be sent and bids will be accepted Nov. 28 and awarded Dec. 5. It was also decided not to bid for Oil and Grease. Commissioner Roberts stated we should look for Quality and not Price.


Payroll: A motion was made by Eric Roberts to approve Payroll and Longevity and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Linkel. Motion carried.

Adjourn: A motion was made by Tom Wilson to adjourn and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Linkel. Motion carried.

Others in attendance: Betty Lecher, Mildred Simmermeyer, Jim Albertz, Daryl Kramer, Nathan Meyer, Carolyn Erfman, Jerry Erfman, Delores Dobbs, Amanda Bolos, Tim Putnam, John Estridge, Tim George, Ted Cooley, Scott Kreuzman, Marty Han and Connie Bischoff. The names are spelled correctly per the sign in sheet.

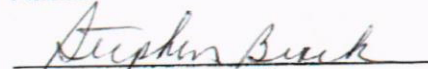
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Franklin County Commissioners  
November 21, 2016  
Commissioners/Council Meeting Room 203

Commissioners: Tom Wilson, Tom Linkel and Eric Roberts  
Commissioners Secretary: Carol Westerman  
Auditor: Stephen Brack

Drainage Board:

The meeting was called to order by President Tom Wilson and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Franklin County Surveyor-Joe Gillespie: Mr. Gillespie stated they have been working on the drainage issue of Don Jones and Jerome Erfman. Mr. Cooley from the Highway said there are a couple different issues. Mr. Albertz was not available at the meeting. Commissioner President Wilson again asked what the liability of the county is. Mr. Gillespie stated the county shall remove the obstruction and repair damages. Mr. Gillespie also read the "Obstruction Law." Mr. & Mrs. Erfman then presented the board an Easement. Commissioner Linkel asked if they could have a couple of weeks to review. If the upstream neighbors think this will help then the Erfman's will grant the easement. A public meeting will be held on Dec.19 for affected property owners.

Adjourn: A motion was made by Eric Roberts to adjourn the Drainage Board meeting and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Linkel. Motion carried.

Open: Commissioners Meeting

Payroll: A motion was made by Eric Roberts to approve payroll and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Linkel. Motion carried.

Vacate Road: Discussion was held regarding Smoke Hollow Road. Mr. Kyle Chaffee, owner of K & K Farms had barricaded the road to help combat theft of construction material. Mr. Gillespie was concerned about snowplows turning around if the road is closed. On the same topic Commissioner Roberts made a

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suggestion to vacate a portion of Silver Creek Road past Bridge 46 which has been closed for several years.

Poor Farm Bridge Right-of-Way: Mr. Gillespie is working to clarify the county's right-of-way for Blue Creek Road which is also known as Poor Farm Bridge. The right-of-way was purchased in 1981.

Minutes: A motion was made by Tom Linkel to approve the minutes of the previous meeting with the correction of the correction Bridge number 136 to 139 and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Roberts. Motion carried.

Claims: A motion was made by Tom Linkel to approve claims and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Roberts. Motion carried.

Resolutions for 2017: This will be discussed at the next meeting, Dec. 5, 2016.

Commissioner Meetings: Commissioner Roberts entertained the possibility of only meeting twice a month as opposed to three times. Commissioner Linkel thought this was a good idea and Commissioner Wilson wanted some time to think about it before a decision is made.

Everbridge: A discussion was held concerning the fact that Nixle notifications will not be free and the cost was negotiated to \$4,000.00 per year. A motion was made by Eric Roberts to authorize Commissioner President Tom Wilson to sign the agreement for 2017 at \$4,000.00 and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Linkel. Motion carried.

Sheriff/Jail: Commissioner Roberts stated he has been in conversation with Sheriff Murphy regarding the walk-in freezer at the Jail. The current freezer is not big enough to accommodate the needs and would like to replace before the end of the year. Commissioner Roberts stated he has a quote from Ludwig Electric for \$18,000 and Jansings for \$17,000. A motion was made by Tom Linkel to contact Council President to proceed with the freezer at the jail for replacement at a minimum of \$6,000.00 and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Wilson. Motion carried. Commissioner Roberts stated that the Jail needs an icemaker. A new icemaker would cost around \$4,500.00. The icemaker in the basement of the Government Center doesn't work and there is a cost of \$85.00 to look at it to see what is

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wrong and \$500.00 per year for service. It was discussed to fix the one at the Government Center and give it to the jail.

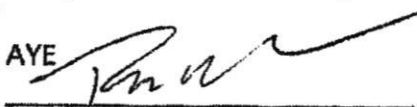
Millie Simmermeyer: came to the Commissioners regarding the negative balance report when an office is out of balance. President Wilson stated that they have no idea of knowing if figures are correct. She stated there needs to be more accountability. Commissioner Roberts said he thought the Clerk's office was off around \$300.00 from years past. Shannon Meyer, 1<sup>st</sup> Deputy in Auditor's office stated the error from Treasurers office was a payment made from the wrong fund. The auditor's office made the correction in 2014 and there is paperwork to back it up. President Wilson asked Mrs. Simmermeyer before any accusations are made to please make sure your information is correct. Commissioner Linkel stated when a person is accused of wrong doing it hurts. Mrs. Simmermeyer apologized for any accusations of wrong doing.

Light Tech: with replacing all light bulbs in the 4 buildings there will be rebates issued to the County. A motion was made by Tom Wilson to have the rebates given directly to Light Tech and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Linkel. Motion carried.

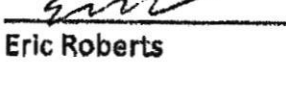
Adjourn: With no further business to come before the meeting a motion was made by Tom Wilson to adjourn and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Linkel. Motion carried.

Others in attendance: Betty Lecher, Mildred Simmermeyer, Sara Duffy, Jesse Barton, Don Jones, Carolyn and Jerry Erfman, Velda Clark, Joan may, Patrick Baird, Mary Han and Ted Cooley. The names are spelled as per the sign in sheet.

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Franklin County Commissioners  
November 14, 2016  
Commissioners/Council Meeting Room 203

Commissioners: Tom Wilson, Tom Linkel, Eric Roberts  
Commissioners Secretary: Carol Westerman  
Auditor: Stephen Brack - 1<sup>st</sup> Deputy: Shannon Meyer

**Open:** The meeting was called to order by President Tom Wilson and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Clint Kersting - Midwest Financial:** Mr. Kersting introduced his company, AXA Equitable Life. His company is interested in helping people to save money for retirement through the ROTH 457 (b). This is completely voluntarily and is not cost to the county. The Commissioners told him they don't have a problem with his meeting with the employees. Mr. Kersting is to get with the Auditor and Carol Westerman to setup times that would be convenient. He stated he would visit twice a year and could be done on-site or after business hours.

**Minutes:** A motion was made by Tom Linkel to approve the minutes of the previous meeting and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Roberts. Motion carried.

**Veterans Report:** A motion was made by Eric Roberts to acknowledge receipt of the Veterans Report and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Linkel. Motion carried.

**Recycling Center:** President Wilson stated that changes are being made for recycling. Since there is only a part-time person Recycling will on be taken on Tuesday and Saturday and this will become effective December 1, 2016. Commissioner Roberts reminded everyone that there are self-serve recycling containers for paper, plastic, cardboard and glass located in Cedar Grove and 2<sup>nd</sup> Street two blocks south of US 52 and in Batesville at 616 John Street.

**Annex Roof:** Repairs will begin during the week of November 21, 2016.

**Franklin County Highway Engineer - Ted Cooley:** presented his weekly update. Mr. Cooley stated that the Replacement Project for Bridge 136 will begin this week. A change order in the amount of \$1,200.00 is needed. A motion to approve Change Order # 1 was made by Tom Linkel and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Wilson. Motion carried. A motion was made by Tom Wilson to sign the letter requesting assistance from USDA under the provision of the Emergency Watershed Protection Program to repair areas that were damaged from the recent flooding and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Roberts. Motion carried.

**LED Lighting:** The Commissioner's discussed replacing old light fixtures in four county buildings with now LED lighting. By making the change would result in lower energy bills the will pay for the new lights and will continue to save money on utilities. Commissioner Wilson's first thought was this would break the bank; however Commissioner Roberts explained the savings at the Jail alone would result to \$17,878.00 in the first year. A motion was made by Eric Roberts to accept the quote of Light Tech to make the change and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Linkel. Motion carried.

**Other discussion:** From the audience Mildred Simmermeyer questioned the Commissioner's about the Clerk's office and Treasurer's office having books not balanced. She also reminded the Commissioner's

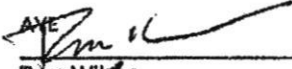

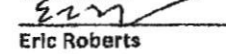


that an ordinance was passed regarding discrepancies of \$50.00. The Commissioners stated that they were unaware of this and would check into the situation.

Thank You: Commissioner Wilson read a statement thanking his family, "best friend" John Estridge and all of those who supported him for re-election.

Adjourn: A motion was made by Tom Wilson to adjourn and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Roberts. Motion carried.

Others in attendance: Mildred Simmermeyer, Betty Lecher, Clint Kersting, Kevin Scherz, Sara Duffy, John Estridge and Daryl Kramer.

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Stephen Brack, Auditor

Franklin County Commissioners  
December 5, 2016  
Commissioners/Council Meeting Room 203

Commissioners: Tom Wilson and Eric Roberts - Tom Linkel was absent  
Commissioners Secretary: Carol Westerman  
Auditor: Stephen Brack

Open: The meeting was called to order by President Tom Wilson and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Highway Bids:

A motion was made by Eric Roberts to accept both St. Regis and Civil Con for Steel Aluminum, Concrete, Polyethylene or Poly Vinyl Chloride Culver Pipes and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Wilson. Motion carried.

Oil and Grease: tabled until next meeting.

Liquid Asphalt Emulsions/ton: A motion to approve bid of Terry Materials was made by Eric Roberts and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Wilson. Motion carried.

Gas and Diesel: A motion was made by Eric Roberts to accept Harvest Land Co-op at a fixed rate and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Wilson. Motion carried.

Pit and Gravel: A motion to accept bids of Harrison Sand and Gravel, New Point Stone and Ballenger Stone and Raver Ready Mix was made by Tom Wilson and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Roberts. Motion carried.

Hot and Cold Mix: A motion to accept bids of Rohe Asphalt, Hot Mix, Inc. and Dave O'Mara was made by Eric Roberts and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Wilson. Motion carried.

Hot Asphalt Concrete: A motion was made by Eric Roberts to accept bids of Dave O'Mara, Paul H. Rohe, US Aggregates and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Wilson. Motion carried.

Asphalt Recycling & Asphalt Milling: A motion to accept bids from Paul H. Rohe and Dave O'Mara was made by Eric Roberts and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Wilson. Motion carried.

Cement Concrete: A motion to accept bid of Raver Ready Mix was made by Tom Wilson and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Roberts. Motion carried.

Pre-engineered/Pre-fabricated Bridges: a motion to accept bid from E & H Bridge was made by Tom Wilson and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Roberts. Motion carried.

Commissioner Roberts was concerned as to why IMI didn't bid. Mr. Cooley left the room to contact IMI but was unsuccessful in his effort.

Bill Schirmer/Nick Lawrence: presented an update to the Commissioners on the Wheatly Group and Economic Development. Mr. Schirmer expressed his appreciation to Nick and the Wheatly Group for the work that has been done and looks forward to continued growth and development. Mr. Schirmer stated he would like to have the Commissioners sign the contract for 2017 before the end of the year.

Minutes: A motion was made by Eric Roberts to approve the minutes of the previous meeting and was 2<sup>nd</sup> Tom Wilson. Motion carried.

Claims: A motion to approve claims was made by Eric Roberts and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Wilson. Motion carried.

Clerks Report: A motion to acknowledge receipt of the Clerk's report was made by Tom Wilson and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Roberts.

Patricia  
Clement  
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Resolutions 2016-35, 2016-34, 2016-36 and 2016-32: A motion to approve for 2017 was made by Tom Wilson and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Roberts. Motion carried.

Southeastern Indiana Regional Planning: A motion to appoint Commissioner Linkel and Cindy Orschell was made by Tom Wilson and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Roberts. Motion carried.

Extension- Angie Riffle: Presented the Contractual Service Agreement between Purdue University and Government of Franklin County for the period of Jan. 1, 2017 to Dec. 31, 2017. A motion was made by Eric Roberts to sign the contract in the amount of \$103,160.00 and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Wilson. Motion carried.

State of Indiana Proclamation: the Commissioners acknowledge the Proclamation celebrating the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. A motion to sign the Proclamation was made by Tom Wilson and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Roberts. Motion carried.

Payroll: A motion was made by Tom Wilson to approve payroll and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Roberts. Motion carried.

Franklin County Highway Engineer - Ted Cooley: presented his weekly update. He stated that Wolf Creek Bridge #139 will reopen on December 12, 2016. Mitchell Ave. Culvert Repair - 2 bids were received - Earthworks \$4587.00 and Copperhead - \$4970.00. A motion was made by Eric Roberts to award the project to Earthworks in the amount of \$4,587.00 base and a possible need of an additional \$1,895.00. Commissioner Roberts said there was to be no work done by county employees on any trees unless the trees were in the county right-of-way and no work on any trees near power lines. Reservoir Road - the county will bury a new drainpipe. Mr. Cooley said the pipeline route would have to cut across the paved road leading to the golf course.

Other discussion:

The county has not been reimbursed for the Laurel Town Election and the Auditor was asked to work with Clerk Bauman to get this completed. The reimbursement was made from the Batesville election and paperwork was sent to Town of Laurel. The auditor has contacted Ms. Adams at the Town of Laurel but she can't find the paperwork. Commissioner Roberts asked that this be re-billed. Auditor Brack will get with Clerk Bauman.

Holiday Ornament Donations: Auditor Brack has contacted SBOA regarding donations and was told the Commissioners would need to set a policy. No other donations can be accepted until the policy is in place. Commissioner will ask about the policy at SAC for donations. This would be followed up on for the next meeting.

Handicap entrance: this is located in the annex and Commissioner Roberts thought there was a door-bell that rang in the Assessor's Office. This would work during the day but what about night meeting access. No decision was made at this time.

Commissioner Roberts was given authority at a prior meeting to get a new walk-in freezer for the jail. A bid of \$17,454.00 was accepted from Robert Jansing.

Adjourn: with no further business a motion was made by Tom Wilson to adjourn and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Roberts. Motion carried.

Others in attendance: Betty Lecher, Mark and Mildred Simmermeyer, Tim George, James Sprague, Rick Seaver, Bill Schirmer, Sara Duffy, John Estridge, Ted Cooley and Angie Riffle. The names are spelled correctly per the sign in sheet.

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Attest:

Stephen Brack, Auditor

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Commissioners Meeting

December 27, 2016 10:00 am

1010 Franklin Ave Brookville IN, 47012

Shannon Meyer  
Chief Deputy FRANKLIN COUNTY

Commissioners In attendance- Tom Wilson, Eric Roberts Absent- Tom Linkel

Others in attendance – Betty Lecher, Mildred Simmermeyer, Sara Duffy, Daryl Kramer, Ted Cooley, Becky Oglesby

Corrections to minutes- Add Jerry Erfman last name to the minutes and change 90% on page one to 90 days. Tom Rasnick's name needs corrected.

Tom Wilson moved to accept the minutes with corrections made. Eric Roberts 2<sup>nd</sup>

Joe has come up with a letter for Tracy Hunt to be excluded from the drainage issue. Joe asked the Commissioners to review and sign the letter.

Commissioners are asking the Drainage board to have a hearing for the Dare ditch. The meeting will be scheduled for January 30<sup>th</sup> for a special Drainage/Ditch meeting.

Commissioners reappointed Edward Baker for Franklin County Cemetery Commission Board until December 2021.

Eric Roberts moved to accept the reappointment and Tom Wilson 2<sup>nd</sup>

Commissioners reappointed Ronald Cooper for the Alcoholic Beverage Board for a term of one year.

Eric Roberts moved to accept the reappointment and Tom Wilson 2<sup>nd</sup>

Eric Roberts motion to acknowledge the Clerks report and Tom Wilson 2<sup>nd</sup>

Encumbrances for Bovine Testing will be brought to the January 3<sup>rd</sup> County Council meeting for approval. Eric Roberts explained that the Bovine Invoices have to go from the veterinary clinic's office to the State then they are sent from the State to our county for payment and this is why it takes so long to get them. Daryl Kramer spoke on behalf of the Veterinary clinic's to help get the invoices paid because some of them are date as far back as October 2016. Becky Oglesby stated that if County Council had a problem with the Encumbrances on January 3<sup>rd</sup> that they will deal with it then, however she did not expect it to be a problem. Tom Wilson requested that Highway Encumbrances be included at the Council meeting for approval and Becky Oglesby replied that she was leaving that up to the Auditor's office.

At this time no one has heard about the status of the million dollars for the Community Crossing Matching Grant.

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Ted Cooley spoke about the Culvert Repair Project, Michell Avenue, Batesville, IN. The contract is for \$4587.00. Tom Wilson motioned to sign the contract and Eric Roberts 2<sup>nd</sup>

Ted Cooley thinks the money is encumbered for this. There was no start date was given however they have 120 days to complete the project for the date of acceptance of quote.

Ted Cooley spoke about the Culvert BR-1004 Replacement project, River Road- There was discussion on if the A588 metal grid deck or the Galvanized metal grid deck should be used. The A588 metal grid deck will cost approx \$133,865.00 and last about 25-50 years. The Galvanized metal grid deck will cost approx \$ 147,198.00 and last about 50-75 years. Eric Roberts feels that if County manpower is used that this could make the price cheaper. Eric Roberts asked about a concrete box and Ted Cooley stated that a crane would need to be used to install the concrete box.

A traffic count needs to be requested for River Rd. The county is allotted 9 free counters. Ted Cooley said he would ask for one however, he feels that since River Rd is used by the local residence only that a count based on the number of homes in the area could be a pretty accurate count.

Bridge #139 The final seeding is being done and straw is going to be put down.

Affidavit of Kent Ruf needs to be signed. This is in regards to the motorcycle accident on August 24, 2014.

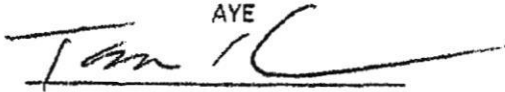
The question was asked if an exit audit need to be done because Hollie Maxie is leaving the Highway department. Tom Wilson replied that an exit audit has not needed to be done in the past. Since Hollie Maxie was leaving at the end of the year that it was easier to track who was responsible for what.

Tom Wilson moved to adjourn

Eric Roberts 2<sup>nd</sup>.

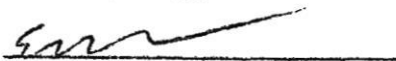
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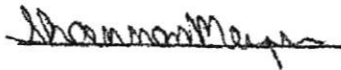


Eric Roberts

Commissioner's Secretary

Carol Westerman

Attested By



Shannon Meyer

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Drainage Board Meeting

December 19, 2016

10:00 am in 203 Commissioner/ Council meeting room

Commissioners-Tom Wilson, Tom Linkel, Eric Roberts

Commissioners Secretary- Carol Westerman

1<sup>st</sup> Deputy Auditor-Shannon Meyer

Opened with the Pledge of Allegiance

Joe (Surveyor) - Sent Certified letters on November 29, 2016 to everyone that the drainage issue may affect. All but one came back to him. Joe read the letter out loud. There are 12.1 acres that are in the drainage basin affected by the issue. One home owner, Tracey Hunt, was dismissed two years ago because his property does not affect the area or flooding. He asked why he was dismissed but continues to receive letters stating that he is still involved. The question was asked if the culvert that was put in was working. Joe answered that the culvert that was put in was not doing enough. A comment was made that a homeowner did not feel that the house that is affected was not graded correctly and that Inspectors allowed it. The Culvert will be moved about 80 feet east this will eliminate two properties from the drainage issue. These two homeowners and Tracey Hunt will be removed from the list of properties affected by the drainage issue.

Tom Linkel moved to install a culvert 80 feet east of the existing culvert on Keeler Rd.

Tom Wilson second and Eric Roberts all favor

Tom Linkel told Tracey Hunt that his property will be exempt for the issue.

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Jerry asked the Commissioners if they were okay with the agreement in regards to the easement for drainage on his property. Tom Linkel and Tom Wilson stated that they are fine with the agreement.

Tom Linkel moved to install drainage tile on Jerry's property without a catch basin.

Tom Wilson second and Eric Roberts opposed because his questions were not answered yet.

A homeowner asked how the percentage of responsibility determined is. The percentage of responsibility is determined by how much property you own in the affected area.

Tom Wilson moved to end the Drainage meeting. Tom Linkel second and Eric Roberts all favor.

Commissioner Tom Wilson opened the Commissioner's meeting.

Clerk- Karla spoke on her solution to fix the shortage on the over payment due to issues of checks. She filed a claim to be paid to cover the cost of the checks. One person that was over paid did return the overpaid amount.

Tom Linkel asked if the claim amount should be change then since the Clerk's office received some of the money back.

Karla replied that after the claim is paid she will give the check that she received from the overpaid person to the Treasurer to pay the county back.

Sarah Duffy asked for the name of the person that paid the money back. Karla did not give a name. Karla then stated that it was no one fault but it is a mistake she is trying to fix.

Mildred Simmermeyer asked if the taxpayers were then paying for it since it was not coming out of the county's budget. Karla replied that it was not tax money it was court money so no the tax payers were not paying for it.

Eric Roberts moved to accept the minutes with two corrections. One correction is on page one --to remove the Raver Ready mix and put in Portland Cement. Under the other discussion section the name Robert should be removed and Roger put in there.

Tom Wilson moved to accept the Veterans report.

Tom Linkel second and Eric Roberts is all in favor

Tom Wilson moved to accept the Treasurer report

Tom Linkel second and Eric Roberts all in favor

Tom Wilson- The holiday schedule does not match the States.

Becky Olgesby asked why we are scheduled off on Dec 22 in 2017.

Tom Wilson moved to change the 2017 Holiday schedule so that office will now be open on December 22, 2017 and closed on December 26,2017.

Tom Linkel second and Eric Roberts all in favor

Tom Wilson moved to receive the Bond from the Treasurer and the Recorder's office, and to sign the Bond. Tom Linkel second and Eric Roberts all in favor

Eric Roberts wants to accept the quote from Harvest Land for Oil and Grease.

Tom Linkel Second and Tom Wilson all in favor

Tom Wilson. The EMS wants to sit down with Commissioners because the amount they are receiving is putting them in the hole.

Tom Wilson moved to approve a <sup>90 DAYS</sup> 90% contract to EMS while we negotiate a new contract with them.

Tom Linkel second and Eric Roberts all in favor

Ted Cooley-Culvert BR 1004- It will be wider and facing the way that the creek wants to flow. Ted wants to get quotes for the work to be done.

Tom Wilson- Wants to know what the life of the Box culvert is and asked Ted where the money is coming from.

Tom Linkel wanted to know why there is a \$13,000 span in the estimate.

Ted's response is because it is difference in the water wings. Ted then asked the Commissioner if he can have the money for it. Becky Olgesby replied that the Storm Damage estimates and it was high than what it was before. I do not know where they are getting the money from.

Eric Roberts suggested that on some of the projects to get estimates and apply them to the next cycle of the 50/50 grant money.

Tom Linkel asked Ted if he knew that Hollie was leaving her position at the Highway as of January 1, 2017. Ted was not aware of this. Tom Linkel stated that the Highway department needs to start looking for someone to replace Hollie. Tom ~~Reisin~~ <sup>PAGNICK</sup> is also leaving and he needs to be paid out. We may need to do an additional for this.

Wolf Creek will also be done about the end of the week.

Tom Wilson- Internal Controls- Eric and the Auditor are working on making sure the dept heads are trained. Karla suggested that all the department heads have a plan in their own offices. There needs to be a checks and balance in place in each department. The Treasurer stated that in her office that her and the 1<sup>st</sup> deputy trade off on who makes the deposit and counts out the drawers. Connie (from the Recorder's office) stated that if there are cash transactions to make sure that there are receipts being printed for each one. Tom Wilson wants everyone to have internal controls set as soon as possible.

Tom Wilson Moved to reappoint Mark Stenger and Peter Mack to the Batesville Memorial Library Board until December 31, 2020.

Eric Roberts second and Tom Wilson all in favor

Tom Wilson moved to reappoint Catrina Campbell as the Franklin County Convention, Recreation and Visitor Commission as the Lodging Representative and Willie Jo Ball to the Franklin County Convention, Recreation and Visitor Commission as the Metamora representative until December 2018.

Eric Roberts second and Tom Linkel all in favor

Tom Wilson said that he would like to see them get more involved in the Franklin County Convention, Recreation and Visitor Commission. They are part of recreation and they have money that could be used on the parks.

Tom Wilson moved to sign the lease agreement to the conservation club.

Eric Roberts second and Tom Linkel all in favor

Tom Wilson moved to accept the agreement for the tower rental to REMC for \$200 monthly and for the Indiana Paging for \$200 a month.

Tom Linkel second and Eric Roberts all in favor

Tom Wilson moved to sign the Grant Support letter for Whitewater Canal State Historic Site.

Eric Roberts second and Tom Linkel all favor

Tom Wilson moved to sign the sub-client agreement because Health span was bought out by Medical Mutual Services, LLC.

Tom Linkel second Eric Roberts all favor

Roof has a leak by box gutters because of the buzzards. The work is almost done on the roof.

Eric Roberts moved to approve claims. Tom Wilson second and Tom Linkel all favor

Discussion on why claims are not getting paid in January. Bills are coming in and cannot be paid. Becky Olgesby stated that one problem is that we are getting bills from October to be Encumbrance in. These won't get paid till February. Tom Linkel asked if only Utilities are getting paid in January. Auditor's 1<sup>st</sup> deputy replied that Utilities will be paid in January and after the Encumbrances go before council they will be paid as well. There was further discussion on the Commissioner, the Council and the Auditor's office working together for better planning for Encumbrances for next year.

Tom Wilson moved to approve payroll. Eric Roberts second and Tom Linkel is all favor.

John Worth- Wants to point out the hard work that Nate and Joe have done this year.

Joe wants to petition to vacate a road. The Homeowners want to vacate a road, due to vandalism, on the northern part of the Southern section. Tom Wilson stated that at the January 17<sup>th</sup> meeting we will have a hearing to vacate the road.

Sarah Duffy stated that there are lights out in the parking lot and asked that they be fixed. Tom Wilson said he will look into that and that those lights have been a problem for a while.

Tom Wilson moved to adjourn. Eric Roberts second and Tom Linkel all favor

Other in Attendance- Betty Lecher, Mildred Simmermeyer, Steve Meyer, Sara Duffy,

Carolyn Efman, Jerry Efman, Joan May, Bob Hand , Janie Hunt, Tracy Hunt, Jesse Barton, Don Jones,  
Nathan Meyer, Karla Bauman, Veronica Voelker, Jolene Benenker, Charles and Vickie Surguy, Becky  
Oglesby, Ted Cooley, Connie Bischoff

